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*Yours Sincerely,
Jennie Irma Berry.*

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ROLL OF NATIONAL CONVENTION

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‡ Deceased. ‡‡ Died in Office. § Not now a Member of the Order.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

*Jennie Iowa Berry 612 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

NATIONAL SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

*Fannie D. W. Hardin 1531 Welton St., Denver, Colo

NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

*Jennie L. Jones. 231 Third E. St., Salt Lake City, Utah

NATIONAL SECRETARY.

*Georgia Wade McClellan Denison, Ia.

NATIONAL TREASURER.

*Charlotte E. Wright. 1068 Townsend Ave., New Haven, Conn.

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Clara L. Campbell 401 S. 5th St., Boise, Idaho

NATIONAL INSPECTOR.

*Cora M. Davis Union, Ore.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

*Lodusky J. Taylor Le Sueur, Minn.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

*Sarah E. Fuller, Life Member	7 Alfred St., Medford, Mass.
*Florence O. McClelland, <i>Chairman</i>	3006 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Cora M. Deputy	Manhattan, Kan.
*Lilah D. Lindsey	Tulsa, Okla.
*Clara L. Lake	41 John St., Newport, R.I.
Alice McEwen	109 Hogg St., Ft. Worth, Tex.

ANDERSONVILLE PRISON BOARD

*Sarah D. Winans, <i>Chairman</i> (elected 1909)	2111 Washington St., Toledo, O.
*Allaseba M. Bliss (elected 1905)	Saginaw, Mich.
†Sarah E. Fuller (elected 1907)	Medford, Mass.
(To fill unexpired term of Elizabeth A. Turner, elected in 1906.)	
*Carrie R. Read (elected 1907)	113 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C.
*Abbie A. Adams (elected 1908)	Superior, Neb.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Past National Presidents

1883-84	†E. Florence Barker, Massachusetts (died Sept. 11, 1897)
1884-85	Kate Brownlee Sherwood 2123 Ashland Ave., Toledo, Ohio
1885-86	†Sarah E. Fuller 7 Alfred St., Medford, Mass.
1886-87	*Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne The Granada, San Francisco, Cal.
1887-88	*Emma Stark Hampton 24 Blaine Ave., Detroit, Mich.
1888-89	Charity Rusk Craig 218 Montford Ave., Asheville, N.C.
1889-90	†Annie Wittenmyer, Pennsylvania (died Feb. 2, 1900)
1890-91	Mary Sears McHenry Denison, Ia.
1891-92	Sue A. Pike Sanders Bloomington, Ill.
1892-93	Margaret Ray Wickins Children's Home, Paris, Ill.
1893-94	†Sarah C. Mink, New York (died Dec. 3, 1896)
1894-95	Emma R. Wallace 6007 Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1895-96	†Elizabeth A. Turner, Massachusetts (died April 27, 1907)
1896-97	*Agnes Hitt 1204 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind.
1897-98	†Sarah J. Martin, Missouri (died April 3, 1900)
1898-99	Flo Jamison Miller Wilmington, Ill.
1899-1900	*Harriet J. Bodge 81 Asylum St., Hartford, Conn.
1900-1901	*Mary L. Carr Longmont, Colo.
1901-1902	Calista Robinson Jones Bradford, Vt.
1902-1903	†Lodusky J. Taylor Le Sueur, Minn.
1903-1904	†Sarah D. Winans 2111 Washington St., Toledo, Ohio
1904-1905	Fanny E. Minot 23 South State St., Concord, N.H.
1905-1906	†Abbie Asenath Adams Superior, Neb.
1906-1907	†Carrie R. Read 113 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C.
1907-1908	*Kate E. Jones 10 Armory Hill, Ilion, N.Y.
1908-1909	*Mary L. Gilman 13 Schuyler St., Boston, Mass.

Past National Senior Vice-Presidents

1883-84	Kate Brownlee Sherwood	2123 Ashland Ave., Toledo, Ohio
1884-85	†Sarah E. Fuller	7 Alfred St., Medford, Mass.
1885-86	†Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne	The Granada, San Francisco, Cal.
1886-87	†Sarah C. Nichols, New York (died June 5, 1907)	
1887-88	Cora Day Young	The Vendome, Toledo, Ohio
1888-89	*Abbie Lynch	1432 Sheffield St., N S., Pittsburg, Pa.
1889-90	Emma B. Manchester	314 Woodman Bldg., Omaha, Neb.
1890-91	†Elizabeth A. Turner, Massachusetts (died April 27, 1907)	
1891-92	†Margaret Ray Wickins	Children's Home, Paris, Ill.
1892-93	Ida V. Hendricks	Kensington, Md.
1893-94	*Jennie Myerhoff	Evansville, Ind.
1894-95	Helen S. Morrison	Smethport, Pa.
1895-96	§Mary A. Ninekirk	
1896-97	††Marie Hasenwinkle, Minnesota (died in office, July 11, 1897)	
1897	Nettie M. Norton	2028 Kenworth Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minn.
1897-98	Susan E. Atkins	132 Norwood Ave., Buffalo, N.Y.
1898-99	Mary C. Wentzel	1767 Chase Ave., North Side, Cincinnati, Ohio
1899-1900	Libbie C. Baer	Appleton, Wis.
1900-1901	Belle M. Satterley	1209 Wabash Ave., Mattoon, Ill.
1901-1902	*Belle C. Harris	Emporia, Kan.
1902-1903	*Geraldine E. Frisbie	446 Highland Avenue, San Mateo, Cal.
1903-1904	Ursula M. Mattison	705 South O St., Tacoma, Wash.
1904-1905	Mary Noyes Farr	Pierre, S.Dak.
1905-1906	Julia G. Sine	5537 Union Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1906-1907	Dr. Orpha D. Bruce	Tampa, Fla.
1907-1908	*Ida K. Martin	1917 Colfax Ave., So. Minneapolis, Minn.
1908-1909	Anna E. Howe	22 14th St., Toledo, Ohio

Past National Junior Vice-Presidents

1883-84	†Mary A. Stimson, Colorado (died Aug. 29, 1897)	
1884-85	†Lizzie Anderson, Kansas (died Jan. 28, 1886)	
1885-86	†Adaline P. Kent, New Hampshire (died April 19, 1907)	
1886-87	†Mary E. Starkweather, Minnesota (died Jan. 25, 1895)	
1887-88	†Mary J. Ingraham, New Jersey (died Nov. 29, 1891)	
1888-89	*Inzetta A. Small	Lewiston, Me.
1889-90	†Frances R. Martin, Connecticut (died Dec. 20, 1893)	
1890-91	†Bessie E. Young, Missouri (died Sept. 22, 1894)	
1891-92	Mary Lyle Reynolds	48 W. Fourth St., Covington, Ky.
1892-93	†Abbie J. Whittier, New Jersey (died Aug. 15, 1897)	
1893-94	†Amanda T. Newcomb, Vermont (died Oct. 18, 1902)	
1894-95	†Lizzie R. Herrick, Washington (died May 8, 1908)	
1895-96	†Henrietta Stiesmeier, Missouri (died Dec. 18, 1908)	
1896-97	*Amelia F. Colgan	Box 178, Hampton, Va.
1897-98	Calista Robinson Jones	Bradford, Vt.
1898-99	Ellen F. Daniels	Box 777, Charleston, W.Va.
1899-1900	†May Evans-Reid (died March 15, 1910)	

Past National Junior Vice-Presidents—Continued

1900-1901	Abbie R. Flag	Battle Creek, Mich.
1901-1902	*Minnie M. Kyle	U.S. Pension Agency, Chicago, Ill.
1902-1903	†Mary M. North	Snow Hill, Md.
1903-1904	Mary J. Tygard	815 West Woodward Ave., Denison, Tex.
1904-1905	*Lida A. Oldroyd	516 10th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
1905-1906	Eunice M. Munger	Oklahoma City, Okla.
1906-1907	Helen N. Packard	Portland, Ore.
1907-1908	Kate D. Vallandigham	Valley City, N.Dak.
1908-1909	*Clara A. Lukens	306 East Park Ave., Mitchell, S.D.

Past National Secretaries

1883-84	†Sarah E. Fuller	7 Alfred St., Medford, Mass.
1884-85	Emma D. Sibley Pease	2261 W. 15th St., Los Angeles, Cal.
1885-86	*Eleanor B. Wheeler	220 Ashmont St., Dorchester, Mass.
1886-87	§Nellie G. Backus	
1887-88	*Armilla A. Cheney	520 North East Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
1888-89	Hettie M. Nichols	Viroqua, Wis.
1889-90	†Abbie Lynch	1432 Sheffield St., N.S., Pittsburg, Pa.
1890-91	Hannah R. Plimpton	6029 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1891-92	Ella Cobean	Delavan, Ill.
1892-93	Flora Preston Hogbin	Sabetha, Kan.
1893-94	*Sarah E. Phillips	910 Madison St., Syracuse, N.Y.
1894-95	*Jennie Bross	1915 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.
1895-96	*Harriette L. Reed	186 Columbia Road, Old Dorchester, Mass.
1896-97	*Ida S. McBride	1418 Park Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
1897-98	†Mary H. Shepherd, Missouri	(died May 22, 1900)
1898-99	Mattie Jamison Tippet	Monticello, Ill.
1899-1900	†Charlotte E. Wright	1068 Townsend Ave., New Haven, Conn.
1900-1901	†Fannie D. W. Hardin	1531 Welton St., Denver, Colo.
1901-1902	Mary Ellen Conant	Bradford, Vt.
1902-1903	Ada E. May Estabrooks	123 Myrtle St., Stillwater, Minn.
1903-1904	Jennie S. Wright	265 Maple St., Dayton, Ohio
1904-1905	Helen McGregor Ayers	8 North State St., Concord, N.H.
1905-1906	Mary R. Morgan	Alma, Neb.
1906-1907	Belle C. Kimball	Kirkwood, Mo.
1907-1908	*Eliza Brown Daggett	Hotel Earle, Waverley Pl., New York City
1908-1909	*Maria W. Going	115 Rogers Ave., West Somerville, Mass.

Past National Treasurers

1883-89	†Elizabeth A. Turner, Massachusetts	(died April 27, 1907)
1889-95	†Armilla A. Cheney	520 North East Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
1895-1900	Isabelle T. Bagley	Port Deposit, Md.
1900-1905	†Sarah E. Phillips	910 Madison St., Syracuse, N.Y.

DEPARTMENTS

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

[ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 20, 1885.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	61 Corps, 5,559 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	4 " 111 "
Loss by suspensions	162 "
Total membership	65 Corps, 5,832 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	9
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	18
Total representation	32

Department President	Carrie W. Dibble	3024 Pierce St., San Francisco
Senior Vice-President	Effie M. Patterson	536 Locust St., Long Beach
Junior Vice-President	Georgia Hodgeman	6416 Dana St., Oakland
Secretary	Eliza Shepard	Glen Ellen
Treasurer	Sarah J. Farwell	469 Crescent St., Oakland

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1885-86	†Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne	The Granada, San Francisco
1886-87	†B. Jane Russell (transferred to Department New York)	
1887-88	§Sarah Pratt Carr	
1888-89	†Lizzie D. Waterman (died April 13, 1898)	
1889-90	†Geraldine E. Frisbie	446 Highland Ave., San Mateo
1890-91	P. Stanton Marshall	75 North 8th St., San Jose
1891-92	Emma G. Gillingham	229 Exchange Bldg., Los Angeles
1892-93	Jennie L. Southworth	801 East Miner Ave., Stockton
1893-94	†Abbie E. Johnson (died March 24, 1898)	
1894-95	Irene E. Gibson	1410 Franklin St., Oakland
1895-96	§Alta M. Comstock	
1896-97	Laura J. Robinson	3 Dakota St., Santa Cruz
1897-98	Mary E. Hartwell	835 West 17th St., Los Angeles
1898-99	Abbie D. Sylvester	R.F.D. No. 11, Box 71, Los Angeles
1899-1900	Sarah Loretta Mason	Santa Fe Springs
1900-1901	Cora A. Merritt	Reno, Nevada
1901-1902	Lettie M. Winans	110 Prospect St., Petaluma
1902-1903	Ida L. Jarvis	542 North Raymond Ave., Pasadena
1903-1904	†Eliza Shepard	Glen Ellen
1904-1905	*Lizzie Belle Cross	1613 Fleming St., Los Angeles
1905-1906	Maud T. McCullough	23 Pine St., Auburn
1906-1907	Eliza R. Warburton	4048 First St., San Diego
1907-1908	Alice A. Yount	844 Van Ness Ave., Santa Ana
1908-1909	Alice M. Gillett	R.F.D. No. 14, Box 36, Los Gatos, Cal.
1909-1910	Ella F. Van Horne	5115 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles
	Viola Kenyon (transferred from Washington and Alaska),	Ventura
	Janette S. Todd (transferred from Colorado and Wyoming),	Box 32, Sawtelle
	Susan Gwilt (transferred from Oregon)	2127 Russell St., Berkeley

DELEGATES

*B. Shelley Hawk (at large), Sacramento.
Maggie Shafer, Stockton.
*Martha L. Guthrie, Los Angeles.
*Alice Newhall, Santa Cruz.
*Louise Mullen, Bakersfield.
Nellie V. Martin, San Francisco.
Mary C. Ayers, Berkeley.
Jennie Green, Santa Barbara
Ida Gribbling, Whittier.

ALTERNATES

Catherine Gilberts (at large), San Francisco.
Lavinia Johnson, Monrovia.
Mary B. Smith, Oroville.
Lena Hogaboom, Los Angeles.
*Irene Woodham, Oakland.
*Bertha Davis, Pasadena.
*Amy C. Brown, Los Angeles.
*Martina L. Hamblett, Pasadena.
*Amanda J. Nelson, Los Angeles.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

[ORGANIZED JUNE 26, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	42 Corps, 2,146 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	3 " 62 "
Loss by suspensions	124 "

Total membership 45 Corps, 2,332 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	4
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17
Total representation	26

Department President	*Helen A. Sills	Georgia Ave., Gunnison, Colo.
Senior Vice-President	Ida M. Fallis	Grand Junction, Colo.
Junior Vice-President	Ella M. Byers	517 East Center Ave., Denver, Colo.
Secretary	Pearl G. Sapp	Virginia Ave., Gunnison, Colo.
Treasurer	Alice T. Smith, 1415 East 30th Ave., Denver, Colo.	

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-86	Catharine C. Kennedy	837 Fox St., Denver, Colo.
1886-88	†Mary Jewett Telford (died Aug. 5, 1906)	
1888-90	§Augusta B. Henderson	
1890-91	America Anderson	1311 South 10th St., Denver, Colo.
1891-92	Climena G. Howard	328 12th St., Greeley, Colo.
1892-93	†Mary L. Carr	Longmont, Colo.
1893-94	Laura S. Dodge	214 Sixth St., Boulder, Colo.
1894-95	†Janette S. Todd (transferred to Dept. California and Nevada)	
1895-96	Anna B. Holliday	900 Eighth St., Laramie, Wyo.
1896-97	†Ella L. C. Dwinell (died March 17, 1909)	
1897-98	†Fannie D. W. Hardin	1531 Welton St., Denver, Colo.
1898-99	Lucy M. Campbell	2352 Clarkson St., Denver, Colo.
1899-1900	Alice M. Seeds	1545 Pearl St., Denver, Colo.
1900-1901	Minnie E. Kingsford	509 26th St., Ogden, Utah
1901-1902	†Arabella C. Johnson (died Sept. 2, 1909)	
1902-1903	Emily H. Jones	1120 Eighth St., Greeley, Colo.
1903-1904	Therese A. Jenkins	206 East 16th St., Cheyenne, Wyo.
1904-1905	Olive A. Killin	1143 Josephine St., Denver, Colo.
1905-1906	Jennie McGill	117 South Pennsylvania St., Denver, Colo.
1906-1907	Irene B. Cowie	703 Pine St., Boulder, Colo.
1907-1908	Clara W. Coulter	416 N. 15th St., Canon City, Colo.
1908-1909	*Eloise S. Lehow	1415 Acoma St., Denver, Colo.
1909-1910	Stella A. Kyle	137 East Carr Ave., Cripple Creek, Colo.
*Flora S. Wilson (transferred from Dept. of Minnesota)	1415 Acoma St., Denver, Colo.	

DELEGATES

*Sybil Watson (at large), Pueblo, Colo.
 Sarah Ferguson, Greeley, Colo.
 Nellie Worley, Boulder, Colo.
 Lucinda Miller, Fort Collins, Colo

ALTERNATES

Jennie Packer (at large), Trinidad, Colo.
 Ida Slayton, Denver, Colo.
 Jennie Henderson, Colorado Springs.
 *Mercy J. Perrin, Longmont.

CONNECTICUT

[ORGANIZED APRIL 1, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	49 Corps, 3,276 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	None
Loss by suspensions	17 Members

Total membership	49 Corps, 3,293 Members
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ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	6
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	20
Total representation	31

Department President	*Lois Irene Earl	24 Roosevelt St., Hartford
Senior Vice-President	*Chloe A. Warren	Plainville
Junior Vice-President	*Bertha M. Lounsbury	Branford
Secretary	*Bertha A. Morse	26 Roosevelt St., Hartford
Treasurer	*Mary I. Hayes	Pine Meadow

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-86	Elizabeth C. Kiefer	Fort Trumbull Beach, Milford
1886-87	†Mary J. Dyer (died April 9, 1901)	
1887-88	*Mary J. Merriman	22 Sessions St., Bristol
1888-89	Harriet S. Durfee	Middletown
1889-91	Jane E. W. Smith	195 North Main St., Waterbury
1891-93	†Harriet J. Bodge	81 Asylum St., Hartford
1893-94	Augusta B. Hammond	105 Union St., Rockville
1894-95	†Charlotte E. Wright	1068 Townsend Ave., New Haven
1895-96	Florence L. P. Haydn	129 Blake St., Westville
1896-97	Lizzie H. Arnold	204 North Front St., New Haven
1897-98	*Jane C. Pultz	Main St., Plantsville
1898-99	*Cordelia A. Blakeman	22 Fairmount Ave., Shelton
1899-1900	Anna R. Loomis	56 Park St., Rockville
1900-1901	*Elizabeth H. Bevin	East Hampton
1901-1902	Marietta A. Wright	230 Franklin St., Norwich
1902-1903	Emma D. Chase	Milford
1903-1904	Sarah E. Reynolds	Forestville
1904-1905	*Carrie A. House	36 Jefferson St., Hartford
1905-1906	C. Elizabeth Niles	31 Garfield Ave., New London
1906-1907	*Julia Flanders	Averill Ave., Branford
1907-1908	*Lura E. Dutton	25 Walnut St., Waterbury
1908-1909	*Isadora M. Gladwin	150 Lincoln St., Middletown
1909-1910	*Alice A. Slater	42 Ward St., Hartford

DELEGATES

*Carrie Roberts-Jackson (at large),
Hartford

*Martha I. Goodenough, Hartford.

*Lillian E. Leach, Putnam.

*Mary E. Smith, New Haven.

Nellie A. Boynton, Branford.

*Jennie E. Bixby, Newark, N.J.

ALTERNATES

Emma L. Wood (at large),
West Haven.

*Laura E. Brown, Collinsville.

Alice C. Whitehead, Hartford.

Mary E. Rose, New Haven.

Mary Stewart, Wallingford.

M. Louise Jenks, New Haven.

IDAHO

[ORGANIZED JUNE 12, 1895.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	12 Corps,	554 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	3 "	83 "
Loss by suspensions		7 "
Total membership	15 Corps,	644 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	13
Total representation	20

Department President	Libby R. Taylor	Rathdrum
Senior Vice-President	Delia Hamilton	Salmon
Junior Vice-President	Adelaide Leonard	Lewiston
Secretary	Clara B. Roberts	Rathdrum
Treasurer	Maud M. Dittmore	Cœur d'Alene

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1895-96	Alwilda Smith	Moscow
1896-97	Mattie D. Budlong	Cœur d'Alene
1897-98	Nellie G. Spofford	Boise
1898-99	Angie G. Fowler	Genesee
1899-1900	†Emma C. Ewing Grinnell (transferred to Dept. of Wisconsin)	
1900-1901	†Clara L. Campbell	Moscow
1901-1902	Nancy M. Murphy	Genesee
1902-1903	Louise L. Barton	Moscow
1903-1904	§Stella Lamont	Nampa
1904-1905	Mary C. Delavan	Cœur d'Alene
1905-1906	Annie E. Williams	Cœur d'Alene
1906-1907	Mary A. Hoskins	Payette
1907-1908	Laura Dodd	1106 Fort St., Boise
1908-	††Adelia E. Bernard (died in office, Dec. 26, 1908)	
1908-1909	Emmaroy Carpenter	Emmett
1909-1910	Annie Triplow	Weiser
	Frances G. Moore (transferred from Department Montana)	Grangeville

DELEGATES

Jennie Holt (at large), Moscow.
Ella M. Farmin, Sandpoint.

ALTERNATES

Minnie Albert (at large), Payette.
Mattie Brant, Genesee.

ILLINOIS

[ORGANIZED JANUARY 30, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	221 Corps, 11,917 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	None
Loss by suspensions	480 Members
Total membership	221 Corps, 12,397 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	17
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17
Total representation	39

Department President	*Anna Patterson	1104 Moultrie Ave., Mattoon
Senior Vice-President	*Emma Shaw	Onarga
Junior Vice-President	*Mary Arnold	Watseka
Secretary	Lucy Adair	2817 Pine Ave., Mattoon
Treasurer	*Louise S. Scovill	404 North Court St., Rockford

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-86	†Julia G. Sine	645 Garfield Boulevard, Chicago
1886-87	Clara W. Harrall	Aurora
1887-88	†Sue A. Pike Sanders	Bloomington
1888-89	†Sarah M. Bradford (died Oct. 3, 1904)	
1889-91	Delilah A. Leaverton	Palestine
1891-92	Mary A. Bradley	855 Pugh St., Decatur
1892-93	Sarah E. Hannon	Cairo
1893-94	†Emma R. Wallace	6007 Kimbark Ave., Chicago
1894-96	†Flo Jamison Miller	Wilmington
1896-97	Mary E. McCauley	Normal
1897-98	†Jennie Bross	1915 Indiana Ave., Chicago
1898-99	Carrie T. Alexander-Bahrenburg	Belleville
1899-1900	†Elizabeth Means (died Jan. 10, 1909)	
1900-1901	†Florence O. McClelland	3006 Prairie Ave., Chicago
1901-1902	Martha K. Baxter	Pawnee
1902-1903	*Sophia R. Spaulding	404 North Court St., Rockford
1903-1904	Lorraine J. Pitkin	1302 Berwyn Ave., Chicago
1904-1905	*Nettie McGowan	3343 Prairie Ave., Chicago
1905-1906	Amanda M. Brown	Havana
1906-1907	Mae G. Lincoln	210 S. 4th St., Aurora
1907-1908	*Anna B. Tuck-Sapp	Plymouth
1908-1909	Elizabeth A. Morse	3144 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago
1909-1910	*Ida E. Palmer	3224 Prairie Ave., Chicago
	†Margaret Ray Wickins (transferred from Department Kansas)	Paris
	Myra E. Hankey (transferred from Department Iowa)	Lakeville, Minn.
	Georgia B. Worker (transferred from Dept. Iowa)	6565 Yale Ave., Chicago

DELEGATES

Jessie C. Johnson (at large), Chicago.
 Rebecca Lewis, Aurora.
 *Elizabeth Shelhamer, Chicago.
 *Rebecca Perry, Quincy.
 Nellie Eastman, Dixon.
 Sarah Bourrell, Olney.
 *Philippa Lyon, Waukegan.
 *Florence Boden, Oquawka.
 Fannie Barber, Sheridan.
 Mary Mosher, Sandwich.
 Adelia Gilson, Harvey.
 Bertha Christman, Ottawa.
 *Leah Wirth, Kewanee.
 Beatrice Smith, Taylorville.
 Ida Cardiff, Clinton.
 *Jennie Stone, Elgin.
 Clara Kemp, Chicago.
 *Ida M. Trenary, Chicago.

ALTERNATES

*Lola L. Rickard (at large), Decatur.
 *Frank L. Hubbard, Chicago.
 *Frances Dorr, Chicago.
 *Clara Lyon Peters, Watseka.
 *Alice Harter, Ravenswood.
 Mary Tompkins, Chicago.
 Lucy Hull, Chicago.
 Ola Dee, Blue Island.
 *Jennie Wood, Effingham.
 Kittie Hunting, Irving Park.
 *Alice McMains, Chicago.
 Frances Wallace, Chicago.
 Grace Griesman, Chicago.
 Charlotte Wilson, Chicago.
 *Anna Buckley, Chicago.
 *Elizabeth Ellithorpe, Chicago.
 *Alma Ferguson, Chicago.
 *Emily Underfanger, Springfield.

INDIANA

[ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 17, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	143 Corps, 6,924 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	12 " 297 "
Loss by suspensions	339 "
Total membership	155 Corps, 7,560 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing) . .	11
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented) .	22
Total representation	38

Department President	*Dr Alta M. Boram, 137 S. Michigan St., South Bend
Senior Vice-President	*Maggie Gordon 32 Eastern Ave., Indianapolis
Junior Vice-President	Mary E. Stewart Bloomington
Secretary	*Marie B. Keller 517 Franklin St., South Bend
Treasurer	Minnie L. Brown Wabash

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-86	Alice E. Griffin Brannen (transferred to Department Minnesota)
1886-87	*Loretta J. Gorsuch Washington St., South Bend
1887-88	†Flora Wulschner (died April 14, 1909)
1888-89	†Agnes Hitt 1204 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis
1889-90	†Jennie Myerhoff 220 Cherry St., Evansville
1890-91	Melissa Caylor Noblesville
1891-92	Laura Hess Wabash
1892-93	†Ida S. McBride 1506 Park Ave., Indianapolis
1893-94	Julia S. Conklin Westfield
1894-95	Nettie Ransford 5 Windsor Block, Indianapolis
1895-96	Eliza J. Crisler Greensburg
1896-97	Mary M. Sims 806 North Columbia St., Frankfort
1897-98	Mary D. Travis Chicago, Ill.
1898-99	*Mary J. Hadley 1910 North Alabama St., Indianapolis
1899-1900	Maria L. Schlater Logansport
1900-1901	Laura S. Burr Anderson
1901-1902	Mary E. Swain Richmond
1902-1903	Etta E. Houk Ossian
1903-1904	*Sarah C. White Rockville
1904-1905	Clara M. Hess Westville
1905-1906	Nettie E. Wink Knightstown
1906-1907	Alice E. Waugh Tipton
1907-1908	Meribah E. Walker Clinton
1908-1909	Anna C. Tucker Noblesville
1909-1910	*Alice S. Pike Danville
Eppie McMillan Stewart (transferred from South Dakota) Hartford City	

DELEGATES

Mary W. Livesey (at large), Newcastle.
 Margaret Alexander, Princeton.
 Elizabeth D. Smith, Indianapolis.
 *Alice Menaugh, Salem.
 *Margaret Glenn, Greensburg.
 *Mattie Burget, Terre Haute.
 *Cora Brown, Geneva.
 A. Ella Jenkins, Noblesville.
 *Emma J. Amsler, Rensselaer.
 Alice Manley, Warsaw.
 *Ella Marquet, Bremen.

ALTERNATES

*Marion L. White (at large), Greensburg.
 Kate Conrade, Petersburg.
 *Cora Swartz, Indianapolis.
 Mary England, Seymour.
 Anna B. Weakley, Shelbyville.
 Maud Hise, Linton.
 Lydia Seegar, Marion.
 Ella Griffin, Noblesville.
 *Ella Kesler, Brimfield.
 *Ethel Kesler, Brimfield.
 *Lovina Blowney, South Bend.

IOWA

[ORGANIZED JULY 8, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910 . . .	206 Corps, 10,605 Members
Loss by delinquent reports . . .	8 " 105 "
Loss by suspensions . . .	467 "
Total membership . . .	214 Corps, 11,177 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers . . .	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing) . . .	15
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented) . . .	12
Total representation . . .	32

Department President . . .	*Jennie Whedon . . .	Winterset
Senior Vice-President . . .	*Margaret F. Hinman . . .	Belmond
Junior Vice-President . . .	Mary J. Babcock . . .	1178 10th St., Des Moines
Secretary . . .	*Rettie M. Greer . . .	Winterset
Treasurer . . .	*Jessie McKay . . .	Decorah

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-85	†Mattie Dawson Burbage (died Oct. 4, 1899)	
1885-86	†Hattie E. Marshall (died Jan. 12, 1908)	
1886-87	†Clara E. Nichols (transferred to Dept. Okla.) . . .	Chandler, Okla.
1887-88	†Mary Sears McHenry . . .	Denison
1888-89	†Myra E. Hankey (transferred to Dept. Illinois).	
1889-90	§Lottie Stocking Ley . . .	
1890-91	Seraphine H. Osgood . . .	Mt. Pleasant
1891-92	†Clara E. Nichols (transferred to Dept. Okla.) . . .	Chandler, Okla.
1892-93	Sara L. Rothrock . . .	Sour Lake, Tex.
1893-95	E. Flora Evans . . .	Davenport
1895-97	Helen R. Griffith . . .	Cedar Falls
1897-99	†Georgia Wade McClellan . . .	Denison
1899-1900	Lizzie S. Hutchison . . .	Lake City
1900-1901	Christine Snyder Romans . . .	Denison
1901-1902	†Georgia B. Worker (transferred to Dept. Illinois)	
1902-1903	Mira L. Parker . . .	1919 Colfax St., Evanston, Ill.
1903-1904	†Jennie Iowa Berry . . .	612 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids
1904-1905	Frederica Philpot . . .	60 4th St., Dubuque
1905-1906	Eleanor J. Hawk . . .	Colfax
1906-1907	*Addie E. Unangst . . .	19 Walling Court, Davenport
1907-1908	Estella E. Plopper . . .	Iowa Falls
1908-1909	*Lena T. Ring . . .	1540 Washington Ave., Cedar Rapids
1909-1910	†Marie L. Basham . . .	803 Euclid Ave., Des Moines

DELEGATES

*Sue Browning (at large), Mason City.
 Myrtle Morgenstern, Sioux City.
 Jennie Bender, Spencer.
 *Katie R. Randall, Rockwell City.
 *Georgia McClellan, Jr., Denison.
 Fannie Hodges-Winder, Lenox.
 *Ida M. Smyth, Chariton.
 Lou K. Moore, Indianola.
 Louisa Johnson, Marshalltown.
 Elizabeth Beal, Belle Plaine.
 Cora A. Sheerer, Cedar Falls.
 *Jean D. Tompkins, Clear Lake.
 Josephine Frost, Dubuque.
 Addie Bernard, Muscatine.
 Elizabeth Hamilton, Mt. Pleasant.

ALTERNATES

Sue Stanwood (at large), Muscatine.
 Martha Kissler, Sanborn.
 Lillie Patterson, Spencer.
 Elmina Cook, Webster City.
 Rosetta Troxell, Jefferson.
 Augusta Cook, Council Bluffs.
 Dora B. Wilson, Creston.
 Alpha Frederick, New Virginia.
 *May E. Jones, Des Moines.
 *Rosa A. Howard, Clear Lake.
 *Kate Hanchett, Waverly.
 *Della Weeks, Des Moines.
 *Nora Bryson, Washington.
 *Ray Hanchett, Waverly.
 *Winifred Whedon, Winterset.

KANSAS

[ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 6, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	148 Corps, 7,308 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	15 " 190 "
Loss by suspensions	229 "

Total membership 163 Corps, 7,727 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	11
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17

Total representation 33

Department President	*Sarah E. Staplin	Ellis
Senior Vice-President	Emma Hoagland	Hutchinson
Junior Vice-President	*Lillian A. Hendricks	Cherryvale
Secretary	*Kathryn Ealden	Ellis
Treasurer	*Florence A. Bunn	1405 New York St., Lawrence

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-85	†Louise H. Brown-Hedrick (died May 3, 1902)	
1885-87	†Margaret R. Wickins (transferred to Department Illinois)	
1887-88	Emma A. Bedell	1882 Niagara St., Niagara Falls, N.Y.
1888-89	Luella W. Powell (reinstated in Dept. New York)	
1889-90	†Belle C. Harris	Emporia
1890-92	§Clara E. Junkerman	
1892-93	*Ida Wilson Moore	Abilene
1893-94	Lucy Reed Jones	Norton
1894-95	†Edith M. G. Wood (died June 4, 1904)	
1895-96	Emma B. Alrich	Cawker City
1896-97	Julia A. Chase	Hiawatha
1897-98	Margaret H. Griffith	711 E. 34th St., Kansas City, Mo.
1898-99	Julia Campbell	Hutchinson
1899-1900	Minnie D. Morgan	Cottonwood Falls
1900-1901	Sarah M. Whitzell	Salt Lake City, Utah
1901-1902	†Jennie Walker (died Feb. 16, 1903)	
1902-1903	Emma E. Forter	Marysville
1903-1904	Evalyn Bradford-Knipe	Concordia
1904-1905	Annie A. Apple	209 South Walnut St., Iola
1905-1906	Mary A. Buckner	Wichita
1906-1907	Mary M. Carson	Wellington
1907-1908	Marion Stratton Nation	Emporia
1908-1909	Anna Heacock	Parsons
1909-1910	†Cora M. Deputy	Manhattan

DELEGATES

Pauline B Snoddy (at large), Pleasanton.
 Julia McCarthy Wood, Chanute.
 Emily A. Scott, Marysville.
 *Jennie Y. Brandon, Topeka.
 Katie Osborn, Baldwin.
 Emma Eastman, Independence.
 *Kate Lewis, Eureka.
 Florence Deputy, Manhattan.
 Eva E. Brewer, Beloit.
 Mattie Hilliard, Pratt.
 Charity Horner, Whitewater.

ALTERNATES

*Alice Papes (at large), Wichita.
 *Marie Mathews, Wichita.
 *Ella Miller, Bonner Springs.
 *Carrie D. Frisbe, Topeka.
 Effie Welsh, Osawatimie.
 Mary R. Joyce, Chanute.
 *Hannah Sweeney, Wichita.
 *Elizabeth Mull, Wichita.
 *Jennie Harmon, Wichita.
 *Mary B. Crandall, Jewell City.
 *Lizzie Hopkins, Garden City.

KENTUCKY

[ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 28, 1886.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	14 Corps, 630 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	6 " 154 "
Loss by suspensions	None
Total membership	20 Corps, 784 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	13
Total representation	20

Department President	*Mary H. Dodge	Berea
Senior Vice-President	*Anna Mosher	207 East Fourth St., Newport
Junior Vice-President	Frances Ray	Henderson
Secretary	Clara E. Hook	Berea
Treasurer	Annie J. Payne	156 Charlton Ave., Louisville

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1886-87	†Mary Lyle Reynolds	48 West Fourth St., Covington
1887-88	Eliza M. Michie	Bellebrook, Ohio
1888-89	†Carrie L. Davis (died April 23, 1900)	
1889-90	Emma B. Livezey	N. Burton Flats, Covington
1890-91	*Amanda M. Davis	630 Maple Ave., Newport
1891-92	†Lottie Vincent (died July 16, 1907)	
1892-93	§Mary A. Ninekirk	
1893-94	†Josephine M. Kuhnheim (died March 11, 1894)	
1894-95	§Anna M. McMahon	
1895-96	§Nannie H. Ballard	
1896-97	Belle Ross Ludwig	121 East Third St., Covington
1897-98	§Inez Crawford	
1898-99	†Mary A. Forstner (died June 5, 1901)	
1899-1900	Hannah Donaldson	Elm and George Sts., Ludlow
1900-1901	Alice Breitenstein	634 Third Ave., Dayton
1901-1902	*Georgia P. Eastman	2344 West Walnut St., Louisville
1902-1903	Jane Ellis Moore	367 Berry Ave., Bellevue
1903-1904	Mallie Kuhling	524 Russell St., Covington
1904-1905	May Bolser Bleska	437 Eighth Ave., Dayton
1905-1906	†Mary A. Johnson (died January 1, 1909)	
1906-1907	†Elizabeth Trimble (died Dec. 24, 1909)	1806 Scott St., Covington
1907-1908	Jane Hardin	25 East Seventh St., Newport
1908-1909	Sarah Hense	231 Center St., Bellevue
1909-1910	Anna E. Moore	619 Lexington Ave., Newport

DELEGATES

*Lida Kohlbrandt (at large), Newport.
 *Etta Humphries, Covington.

ALTERNATES

Anna Yeatts (at large), Bellevue.
 Gatezy Beverly, Henderson.

LOUISIANA

PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT

[ORGANIZED DECEMBER 27, 1909.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	16 Corps	355 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	6 "	103 "
Loss by suspensions		None
Total membership	22 Corps,	458 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Department Officers	2
Total representation	2

Provisional Department President . . *Josephine B. Lewis,
2415 Canal St., New Orleans

Provisional Department Secretary . . . *Mattie V. Willis,
1815 Dryades St., New Orleans

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1893-95 †Josephine B. Lewis . 2415 Canal St., New Orleans
 1895-97 Selina B. Gray . 2600 Rampart St., New Orleans
 1897-1903 (inclusive) . . *Priscilla J. H. Taper, 720 Bolivar St., New Orleans

MAINE

[ORGANIZED JUNE 17, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	62 Corps, 2,612 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	1 "
Loss by suspensions	26 Members
Total membership	63 Corps, 2,638 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	4
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	18
Total representation	27

Department President	*Ada C. Ely	6 Patterson St., Augusta
Senior Vice-President	Mabel Pierce Blake	Monmouth
Junior Vice-President	*Ida C. Rolfe	Clinton
Secretary	*Maude M. Merrick	50 Main St., Waterville
Treasurer	Hattie C. Sprague	217 Union St., Bangor

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-87	Emily V. Littlefield	4 Salem St., Winchester, Mass.
1887-88	†Anna E. Wood (died April 20, 1899)	
1888-89	†Inzetta A. Small	338 Pine St., Lewiston
1889-90	†Grace E. Howe (died March 16, 1907)	
1890-92	Clara B. Leavitt	Skowhegan
1892-93	Mary E. Inman	20 Main St., Cherryfield
1893-95	Ella Jordan Mason	28 South St., Biddeford
1895-96	M. Antoinette Millett	26 State St., Gorham
1896-97	Belle J. Palmer	Monroe
1897-98	Nancy J. Colby	Rumford
1898-99	Addie V. Grant	51 Adams St., Melrose, Mass.
1899-1900	Sarah E. Putnam	65 Pleasant St., Auburn
1900-1901	†Hattie C. Sprague	217 Union St., Bangor
1901-1902	*S. Jennie Ross	Pittsfield
1902-1903	Jennie L. Day	Gorham
1903-1904	Julia A. Libby	Oakland
1904-1905	Jennie Pierce Whitney	Gorham
1905-1906	*Alice S. Gilman	Oakland
1906-1907	Sue Clark Noyes	Berwick
1907-1908	*Laura E. Stevens	26 Saunders St., Woodfords
1908-1909	Rose Burnell Graham	Westbrook
1909-1910	†Maude M. Merrick	Waterville

DELEGATES

- *Eva L. Merrill (at large), Mechanic Falls.
- *Elizabeth J. Hutchinson, Woodfords.
- *Ellen E. Hall, Lynn, Mass.
- *Rosa Riley, Augusta.

ALTERNATES

- Lovina Lamb (at large), Livermore Falls.
- Susan W. Merrick, Waterville.
- Mercy P. Roberts, Bangor.
- Harriet P. Andrews, Monmouth.

MARYLAND

[ORGANIZED JUNE 2, 1887.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	16 Corps,	522 Members
Loss by delinquent reports		None
Loss by suspensions		14 Members
Total membership	16 Corps,	536 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17
Total representation	24

Department President	*Anna Belle Roberts, 405 North Calhoun St., Baltimore
Senior Vice-President	*Lottie Frey 1502 Battery Ave., Baltimore
Junior Vice-President	*Louisa Eichelberger, 1736 Friendsbury Pl., Baltimore
Secretary	*Dora Plitt 1038 Hanover St., Baltimore
Treasurer	*Henrietta E. Briscoe 1332 Hollins St., Baltimore

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1887-89	*Mary E. Wright	1318 Harlem Ave., Baltimore
1889-91	Eliza F. P. Pray	45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass
1891-92	Eliza A. Will	1615 West Fayette St., Baltimore
1892-93	Mary A. H. Cadden	1210 Bolton St., Baltimore
1893-94	Mary E. Frey	Joppa
1894-95	†Ruth A. Graham (died June 22, 1910)	
1895-96	*Sallie A. Moore	1324 West Lanwale St., Baltimore
1896-97	†Kate Johnson (died Nov. 9, 1897)	
1897-98	*Elizabeth J. Holmes	1429 South Charles St., Baltimore
1898-99	†Lizzie Owens Buchta (transferred to Department Potomac)	
1899-1900	†Mary E. Naylor (died Feb. 15, 1903)	
1900-1901	†Annie E. Shannon (died Jan. 26, 1910)	
1901-1902	*Louisa P. Seibold	1201 Myrtle Ave., Baltimore
1902-1903	Lizzie Smith	2013 Hollins St., Baltimore
1903-1904	*Jennie Fauth	811 Hollins St., Baltimore
1904-1905	*Parthenia Esmer	1126 Myrtle Ave., Baltimore
1905-1906	Georgiana Topp	1223 North Gilmore St., Baltimore
1906-1907	Barbara Schilling	130 Green St., Cumberland
1907-1908	*Wilhelmina Treff	1213 N Central Ave., Baltimore
1908-1909	*Alviare Briscoe	1332 Hollins St., Baltimore
1909-1910	*Maggie Sunstrom	617 West Barre St., Baltimore

DELEGATES

*Elsie A. Fauth (at large), Baltimore.
 *Louisa M. Wich, Washington, D.C.

ALTERNATES

Mary Brandau (at large), Baltimore.
 Caroline Lindner, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS

[ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 12, 1879. TRANSFERRED FROM UNION BOARD, 1883.]

In good standing June 30, 1910 172 Corps, 14,944 Members
 Loss by delinquent reports None
 Loss by suspension 219

Total membership 172 Corps, 15,163 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers 5
 Delegates (based on membership in good standing) 22
 Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented) 18
 Total representation 45

Department President . *Florence Haynes 217 North St., Salem
 Senior Vice-President . *Nellie F. Libbey 57 Henry Ave., Lynn
 Junior Vice-President . Mary E. Holbrook, 290 Pleasant St., So. Weymouth
 Secretary . . . *Mary E. Elliot 657 Washington St., Boston
 Treasurer *Fannie M. Jones 121 Walnut St., Somerville

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1879-82 †Sarah E. Fuller 7 Alfred St., Medford
 1882-84 †E Florence Barker (died Sept. 11, 1897)
 1884-86 M. Susan Goodale 38 Magoun Ave., Medford
 1886-88 S. Agnes Parker 12 Union St., Brockton
 1888-90 Emma B. Lowd 3609 Broadway, New York City
 1890-91 Mary E. Knowles 52 Putnam St., Somerville
 1891-92 *Augusta A. Wales 166 Columbia Road, New Dorchester
 1892-93 Mary G. Deane Assonet
 1893-94 Emily L. Clark 172 Prospect St., Northampton
 1894-95 †Clare H. Burleigh (died June 7, 1901)
 1895-96 Eva T. Cook Gloucester
 1896-97 †Helen A. Brigham (died Nov. 9, 1897)
 1897-98 Emilie L. W. Waterman Arborway Court, Forest Hills, Boston
 1898-99 Josephine A. Burdick 118 North St., North Adams
 1899-1900 Angie A. Robinson 9 Hudson St., Worcester
 1900-1901 †Mary L. Galman 13 Schuyler St., Roxbury
 1901-1902 †Maria W. Going 115 Rogers Ave., Somerville
 1902-1903 *Dorcas H. Lyman 38 Newton St., Faneuil
 1903-1904 Clara H. B. Evans 311 West Housatonic St., Pittsfield
 1904-1905 †Annie M. Warne (died May 14, 1909)
 1905-1906 Harriett A. Ralph 32 Bartlett St., Somerville
 1906-1907 *Alice M. Goddard 37 West Elm St., Brockton
 1907-1908 Annie C. Shattuck 89 Day St., Fitchburg
 1908-1909 *Lue Stuart Wadsworth 112 Huntington Ave., Boston
 1909-1910 *Elizabeth P. Sawyer 21 Willis St., New Bedford

DELEGATES

*Marie J. Kendall (at large), Gardner.
 *Annie E. Higgins, South Boston.
 *Hattie T. Gott, Cambridgeport.
 *Minnie A. Osborne, Peabody.
 *Alice L. Preston, Beverly Farms.
 *Lottie A. Greene, Woburn.
 *M. Lizzie Andrews, Gloucester.
 *M. Lizzie Bullock, Everett.
 *Georgianna M. Trow, Kingston.
 *Etta A. Lockhart, Cambridge.
 *Nettie M. Streeter, Holyoke.
 *Martha A. Jordon, Fitchburg.
 *Lucy L. Turner, Brookline.
 Marie A. Allen, Medford.
 Octavia C. Blair, Brockton.
 *Emma J. Semons, Chelsea.
 Dora F. Dempsey, Middleboro.
 *Ella M. Lazelle, E. Northfield.
 *Mary E. Coombs, Stoneham.
 *Lavinia E. Carpenter, Palmer.
 *Corrie A. Emerson, Florence.
 *Henrietta Crossley, Lawrence.

ALTERNATES

Mary E. Hyde (at large), Fall River.
 *Annie E. Tinkham, Taunton.
 *Ida R. Havner, Milford.
 *Josie L. Fassett, Somerset.
 Clara A. Damon, Rockland.
 Abbie E. Copeland, Whitman.
 Marietta Chipman, Waltham.
 Susan D. Phinney, Monument Beach.
 *Alma E. Parker, Wakefield.
 *Elizabeth E. Hayward, So. Framingham.
 Margaret Drake, North Brookfield.
 Martha A. Sawyer, Brighton.
 Hallie E. Whitney, Lowell.
 Mary C. Furness, Everett.
 Nina B. Lovejoy, Ayer
 Lottie A. Barker, Orange
 Hattie M. Tuttle, South Boston
 Mabelle H. Smith, Brighton
 Mary A. Landt, Hyde Park
 Mary W. Gomley, Abington
 Annie A. Brown, Salem
 Harriet E. Harper, Brighton

MICHIGAN

[ORGANIZED APRIL 2, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	199	Corps, 8,493 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	15	" 224 "
Loss by suspensions		258 "
Total membership	214	Corps, 8,975 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	13
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	19
Total representation	37

Department President	†Adda H. Hall	735 North 4th Ave., Saginaw
Senior Vice-President	Florence M. Boot	62 West 11th St., Holland
Junior Vice-President	Florence Dickerson	233 11th Ave., Grand Rapids
Secretary	Sarah J. Still	532 Potter St., Saginaw
Treasurer	*Clara E. Wellington	1308 Hancock St., Saginaw

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-85	†Ella W. Shank (died Jan. 21, 1903)	
1885-86	†Emma Stark Hampton	24 Blaine Ave., Detroit
1886-87	†Mary Sherwood Hinds (died Oct. 13, 1902)	
1887-88	Sara A. C. Plummer	720 Catherine St., Ann Arbor
1888-89	Louise Barnum Robbins	25 Broad St., Adrian
1889-90	†Hattie P. Thompson (died March 15, 1910)	
1890-91	†Abbie R. Flagg	91 Fountain St., Battle Creek
1891-92	*Sara L. Brown	Matron, Woman's Bldg., Grand Rapids
1892-93	Cornelia S. Perry	Elk Rapids
1893-94	†Allaseba M. Bliss	1702 North Michigan Ave., Saginaw
1894-95	†Ann M. Barney (died April 30, 1897)	
1895-96	Emma E. Knapp	Howell
1896-97	Manda J. Halsted	Concord
1897-98	Louise A. Turck	Alma
1898-99	Mary A. McConnelly	318 Second St., Flint
1899-1900	Mary A. Maynard	Coldwater
1900-1901	†Annie E. Udell (died May 17, 1908)	
1901-1902	Jennie L. Pond	521 Michigan Ave., Lansing
1902-1903	*Lydia C. Hopkins	143 South Euclid Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
1903-1904	Vina E. Redfield	117 West Biddle St., Jackson
1904-1905	Florence S. Babbitt	Ypsilanti
1905-1906	†Eva A. Gray (died Sept. 8, 1910)	
1906-1907	Kate M. Redner	405 Center St., Dowagiac
1907-1908	Evelyn Creusere	811 West G. Boulevard, Detroit
1908-1909	May Stocking Knaggs	813 N. Sheridan St., Bay City
1909-1910	Nellie Dodge Whitbeck	Montague

DELEGATES

- E. Vernia Nelson (at large), Whitehall.
 *Hattie Vaughn, Detroit.
 *Martha Archer, Dundee.
 *Carrie Winters, Pottersville.
 *Fannie B. Nodell, Coldwater.
 Katherine Miller, Kalamazoo.
 *Elmira Morse, Lowell.
 Margaret Swope, Breckenridge.
 *Cindonia Jacobs, Corunna.
 Linda Clark, Farwell.
 Martha Curtis, Traverse City.
 *Jennie Morris, Detroit.
 Jennie Glaser, Escanaba.

ALTERNATES

- Bertha Beardsley (at large), Ogden Ctr.
 Emma Reed, Detroit.
 Frances Howell, Hillsdale.
 Lizzie Cook, Eaton Rapids.
 Alma Robinson, Sturgis.
 Hortense Pope, Allegan.
 Hester Cotton, Grand Rapids.
 Lucy Powell, Lyons.
 *Arvilla Gardner, Traverse City.
 *Florence E. Moody, Detroit.
 *Eva Lawrence, Northville.
 *Martha McCabe, Bay City.
 *Jennie Pearson, Ann Arbor.

MINNESOTA

[ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 28, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	95 Corps, 4,993 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	1 " 10 "
Loss by suspensions	161 "

Total membership	93 Corps, 5,167 Members
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ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	8
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	16

Total representation	29
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Department President	*Lucie S. Lewis	724 East 18th St., Minneapolis
Senior Vice-President	Carrie Kenrick	393 Herschel Ave., St. Paul
Junior Vice-President	Mate Meadows	1419 East 21st St., Minneapolis
Secretary	*Marie A. Soule	389½ Selby Ave., St. Paul
Treasurer	Cora J. Fritz	121 Clark St., Mankato

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1885-86	†Nettie M. Norton	1506 Third Ave., S., Minneapolis
1886-88	†Mary E. Starkweather (died Jan. 25, 1895)	
1888-89	*Sarah E. Milham	1615 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul
1889-91	Lydia G. Whitmore	2630 Taylor St., N.E., Minneapolis
1891-94	Mary E. Leavens	Faribault
1894-96	†Lodusky J. Taylor	Le Sueur
1896-97	†Marie Hazenwinkle (died in office, July 11, 1897)	
1897-98	*Adelaide F. Bissell	4412 Harriet Boulevard, Minneapolis
1898-99	Mary A. Silloway	2428 Dupont Ave., South Minneapolis
1899-1900	Ella F. Gearhart	118 East Third St., East Duluth
1900-1901	†Flora S. Wilson (transferred to Dept. Colorado and Wyoming)	
1901-1902	†Ada E. May Estabrooks	123 Myrtle St., Stillwater
1902-1903	Cora F. Wright	525 W. Minnehaha Parkway
1903-1904	Sophia Camp Fisher	392 Maria Ave., St. Paul
1904-1905	Agnes Whitney Savage	2200 Bloomington Ave., Minneapolis
1905-1906	Mary E. Plymat	822 South Front St., Mankato
1906-1907	†Ida K. Martin	1917 Colfax Ave., Minneapolis
1907-1908	Martha A. Gordon	1396 W. Minnehaha St., St. Paul
1908-1909	Mary Thelen	1015 6th Ave., S. Stillwater
1909-1910	Nella Williams	517 W. 2d St., Duluth
Alice Griffin-Brannen (transferred from Department Indiana), 3018 Snelling Ave., South Minneapolis		
Sarah E. B. Smith (transferred from Department South Dakota), Quarters 15, Fort Wright, Spokane, Wash.		

DELEGATES

Mary L. Starkweather (at large), Minneapolis.
Melphia Jones, Red Wing.
Libbie Clark, Fairmont.
*Edna Smith, Canby.
Carrie May Nelson, Minneapolis.
*Bertha I. Maher, Staples.
Marie A. Soule, St. Paul.
*Mary A. Brearley, Minneapolis.

ALTERNATES

*Carrie Malmstedt (at large), Minneapolis.
Josephine Brin, Stewartville.
Alice Hering, Lake Crystal.
Ella B. White, Luverne.
*Mary Mooers, Monticello.
*Rose Heiserman, Red Wing.
*Jennie Floody, St. Paul.
*Marian Salisbury, Minneapolis.

MISSISSIPPI

PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT

[ORGANIZED DECEMBER 18, 1909.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	10 Corps,	310 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	"	None
Loss by suspensions		None
Total membership	10 Corps	310 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Department Officers	2
Total representation	2

Provisional Department President . . *Elnora D. Washington,
642 North Pine St., Natchez.

Provisional Department Secretary . . Maggie E. Jackson,
67 Brenam Ave., Natchez.

MISSOURI

[ORGANIZED MARCH 4, 1885.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	46 Corps, 1,810 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	1 10
Loss by suspensions	107 "
Total membership	47 Corps, 1,927 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	4
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17
Total representation	26

Department President	*Mary M. Stark	4043 Kossuth Ave., St. Louis
Senior Vice-President	Katherine Miller	Marysville
Junior Vice-President	Rose Ellidge	Trenton
Secretary	Julia S. Hengelsberg	1504 Monroe St., St. Louis
Treasurer	Mary Klemm	2905 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1885-86	†Henrietta Steismeler (died Dec. 18, 1908)	
1886-88	†Sarah J. Martin (died April 3, 1900)	
1888-89	†Rose L. Kimball (died Aug. 17, 1900)	
1889-90	Agnes R. Russell	Seyern Apartments, Norfolk, Va.
1890-91	†Bessie E. Young (died Sept. 22, 1894)	
1891-92	†Belle M. Satterley	1229 Wabash St., Mattoon, Ill.
1892-93	§Agnes C. Sterrett	
1893-94	Emily S. Parker	4604 Page Boulevard, St. Louis
1894-95	Rachel A. Hall	Prospect St., Trenton
1895-96	§Adah G. Briggs	Cor. Eighth and Wall Sts., Joplin
1896-97	Lucinda A. Scott	808 West Reed St., Moberly
1897-98	Mary U. Birdseye	203 North Main St., Nevada
1898-99	Alma Day	1030 Summit St., Kansas City
1899-1900	Julia E. Dockery	904 E. Harrison St., Kirksville
1900-1901	†Carrie R. Read	113 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C.
1901-1902	Orpha Bronson	Cor. Fourth and Sneed Aves., Sedalia
1902-1903	*Hollen E. Day	503 Ruby St., Argentine, Kans.
1903-1904	Frances H. D. Van Slyke	1014½ Marion St., St. Louis
1904-1905	Julia Hengelsberg	1504 Monroe St., St. Louis
1905-1906	*Mattie E. Rich	109 Williams St., Moberly
1906-1907	Nira G. Bachmann	430 Gladstone Boulevard, Kansas City
1907-1908	Frances Arnold	905 Charles St., St. Joseph
1908-1909	Mary M. Botkin	409 Joplin St., Joplin
1909-1910	Mary E. Mettler	114 Sherman St., Brookfield
	Alma S. Bennett (transferred from Department South Dakota)	Sedalia

DELEGATES

Caroline E. Winters (at large), Warrensburg.
*Carrie Wentz, St. Charles.
Eliza Kern, Kirkwood.
*Barbara Holdenreid, St. Louis.

ALTERNATES

*Eunice S. Snedeker (at large), White Plains, N.Y.
Caroline Webb, St. Louis.
*Lena Wagner, St. Louis.
Emily Sibille, St. Louis.

MONTANA

[ORGANIZED APRIL 15, 1893.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	10 Corps,	406 Members
Loss by delinquent reports		None
Loss by suspensions		28 Members
Total membership	10 Corps,	434 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing) . .	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	12
Total representation	19

Department President . .	*Katharine H. Moore, 536 East Main St., Missoula
Senior Vice-President . .	Mabel Mancer, 221 South Yellowstone St., Livingston
Junior Vice-President . .	Margaret Putnam . . 1427 2d Ave. N., Great Falls
Secretary	Carrie E. Jones . . 702 South 6th St., Missoula
Treasurer	Ella Hodson 838 Poplar St., Missoula

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1893-94	Isabella Kirkendall	407 Madison Ave., Helena
1894-96	†Frances G. Moore (transferred to Dept. Idaho),	Grangeville, Idaho
1896-97	Amitys P. Manchester	927 Arizona St., South Butte
1897-98	Ella M. Edsall	Babcock St., Bozeman
1898-99	§Ella Herbold	
1899-1900	Ruth A. Burton	501 East Park St., Butte
1900-1901	§Eliza M. Shaw	
1901-1902	Mary E. Sires	First Ave., N., Great Falls
1902-1903	Anna T. Breneman	Third Ave., S, Bozeman
1903-1904	Mary E. Simonton	215 N. Rodney St., Helena
1904-1905	Ella Knowles Haskell	Silver Bow Block, Butte
1905-1906	†Sylvia Grantier (transferred to Department Washington and Alaska)	
1906-1907	L. Elizabeth Fenner	Dillon
1907-1908	Frances Wheeler	1513 3d Ave., N., Great Falls
1908-1909	Mary P. Flanders	219 Grand Ave., Bozeman
1909-1910	Anna S. Mardall	1015 East Sixth Ave., Helena

DELEGATES

Hannah Payne (at large), Butte.
 Chloe Wolcott, Livingston.

ALTERNATES

*Mary Neilson (at large), Livingston.
 *Sarah J. Bradford, Livingston.

NEBRASKA

[ORGANIZED APRIL 2, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	88	Corps, 3,247	Members
Loss by delinquent reports	21	"	201
Loss by suspensions			132
Total membership	109	Corps, 3,580	Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	5
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented) . .	15
Total representation	25

Department President	*Gertrude P. Davis	1125 South 15th St., Lincoln
Senior Vice-President	Ella B. Riley	Fairbury
Junior Vice-President	Melissa Hemmingway	Kearney
Secretary	Minnie D. Bell	931 D St., Lincoln
Treasurer	Addie E. Hough	3914 N. 18th St., Omaha

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-86	\$Louise M. Merrill	
1886-88	\$Lyde M. Böhne	
1888-89	†Emma B. Manchester	Omaha
1889-91	†Mary R. Morgan	Alma
1891-93	†Amanda B. Tisdell (died March 5, 1905)	
1893-94	Mellie C. Hards	Central City
1894-95	†Gertrude H. Connell (transferred to Dept. New York)	
1895-96	Emily O. Dilworth	3026 Davenport St., Omaha
1896-97	Rosalie B. Condon	Pawnee City
1897-98	Julia S. Bowen	Weiser, Idaho
1898-99	†Abbie A. Adams	Superior
1899-1900	Fidelia M. Rupiper	Harvard
1900-1901	Sarah C. Sweet	Creighton
1901-1902	Anna E. Askwith	Plattsmouth
1902-1903	Aimee J. Kenny	Blair
1903-1904	Helen E. Cook	1648 Washington St., Lincoln
1904-1905	Mayme Hedrick Cleaver	Neligh
1905-1906	Harriet A. Wilcox	1803 Lothrop St., Omaha
1906-1907	Mary E. Cuddington	Central City
1907-1908	La Delle Stilson	York
1908-1909	Harriet E. Luce	Republican City
1909-1910	Clara J. Hughes	Fremont

DELEGATES

*Alice C. Dilworth (at large), Omaha.
 *Jennie Traynor, Omaha.
 Mary Elder, North Platte.
 *Ada Heine, Hooper.
 *Carrie Stover, Edgar.

ALTERNATES

Mattie Rhoades (at large), Burkett.
 Agnes Freeman, Beatrice.
 Annie E. Crawford, Lincoln.
 Rose Donahue, Fremont.
 *Jule Heine, Hooper

NEW HAMPSHIRE

[ORGANIZED OCTOBER 21, 1880. TRANSFERRED FROM UNION BOARD 1883.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	67 Corps, 3,738 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	None
Loss by suspensions	73 Members

Total membership 67 Corps, 3,811 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	6
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	20

Total representation 31

Department President	*Eliza A. Patten	241 Laurel St., Manchester
Senior Vice-President	*Lizzie F. Elkins	19 Forest St., Exeter
Junior Vice-President	Lenna B. McCoy	50 Mechanic St., Manchester
Secretary	*Florence H. Patten	241 Laurel St., Manchester
Treasurer	*Eliza P. Emerson, 395 So. Main St., West Manchester	

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1880-82	Mary A. Lull	Milford
1882-84	Mattie Moulton Buxton	14 West 100th St., New York, N.Y.
1884-85	†Adaline P. Kent (died April 19, 1907)	
1885-88	†Celia F. P. Foster (died Jan. 9, 1901)	
1888-89	†Nancy W. Moore (died July 21, 1904)	
1889-90	Selina A. Staniels	4 Vernon St., Concord, N.H.
1890-91	Sophia D. Hall	Dover
1891-92	†Sarah E. Runnells (died June 5, 1906)	
1892-93	Augusta S. Bennett	295 Laurel St., Manchester
1893-94	†Fanny E. Minot	23 South State St., Concord
1894-95	Addie S. Hughes	Ashland
1895-96	H. Lizzie Foster	Milford
1896-97	Sophia E. Dodge	Amherst
1897-98	*Millie A. Worcester	Wakefield St., Rochester
1898-99	Ida M. Montgomery	48 High Rock St., Lynn, Mass.
1899-1900	Minnie A. Dana	235 Hanover St., Manchester
1900-1901	Emma C. Tebbetts	816 Main St., Laconia
1901-1902	*Annie P. Dimond	38 South State St., Concord
1902-1903	Kate L. Perkins	Marlow
1903-1904	Louise S. Johnson	437 Hanover St., Manchester
1904-1905	†Maria E. Densmore (died Jan. 16, 1907)	
1905-1906	Elvira A. Wilkins	37 Pearl St., Laconia
1906-1907	Mary Proctor Howe	8 Green Lane, Worcester, Mass.
1907-1908	Martha J. George	32 Hall St., Concord
1908-1909	Flora A. Hanson	Amherst
1909-1910	Emma E. Looney	Milton

DELEGATES

*May L. Douglas (at large), Concord.
 *Mary E. Simonds, Littleton.
 *Emma J. Lougee, Nashua.
 *Etta E. Farrington, Manchester.
 Edna B. Abbott, Dover.
 Ina F. Drew, Milton.

ALTERNATES

Ellen B. Fisher (at large), No. Haverhill.
 Eva L. Howison, Milford.
 *Alice M. Tufts, West Manchester.
 *Celia E. Rolfe, Littleton.
 Angie L. Currier, Dover.
 Gertrude N. Howison, Milford.

NEW JERSEY

[ORGANIZED MAY 6, 1885.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	20 Corps, 644 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	3 " 56 "
Loss by suspensions	8 "
Total membership	23 Corps, 708 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17
Total representation	24

Department President	*Clara E. Brown . 433 20th St., West New York, N.J.
Senior Vice-President	Catherine Williams, 26 N. Carolina Ave., Atlantic City.
Junior Vice-President	Annie A. Masker 125 Carroll St., Paterson.
Secretary	*Annie M. Schittig, 433 20th St., West New York, N.J.
Treasurer	*Grace E. Bodine 546 S. Clinton, Trenton.

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1885-86	*Jennie B. Atwood	P.O. Box 317, Wellfleet, Mass.
1886-87	†Elizabeth M. Work (died April 5, 1906)	
1887-88	†Abbie J. Whittier (died Aug. 15, 1897)	
1888-89	Mary G. Lanning	Sea Cliff, L.I.
1889-90	Amanda O. Daniel	205 S. Warren St., Trenton
1890-91	Elizabeth H. Amer	416 W. 27th St., Minneapolis, Minn.
1891-92	*Jennie D. Smith	48 Grand View Ave., Plainfield
1892-93	*Sarah A. Reed	90 Margaret St., Long Branch
1893-95	*Emma J. Southwick	Soldiers' Home, Vineland
1895-97	Mary M. Morse	444 Grier Ave., Elizabeth
1897-98	*Esta B. Hann	Alcazar Building, Atlantic City
1898-99	§Sarah E. McCall	
1899-1901	*Charlotte J. Durell	225 Passaic St., Trenton
1901-1903	*Matilda S. Vickery	283 Townsend St., New Brunswick
1903-1904	*Maggie Fitzpatrick	409 Lamberton St., Trenton
1904-1906	*Mary A. Decker	95 Highland Ave., Jersey City
1906-1907	*Inez W. Lord	14 Pennington St., Paterson
1907-1908	*S. Elizabeth Wilkes	204 2d St., Trenton
1908-1909	Eliza J. Adams	Richmond, Ohio
1909-1910	*Annie M. Sparmaker	705 Stuyvesant St., Trenton

DELEGATES

- *Elizabeth Risdon (at large), Trenton.
 *Amanda S Wood, Trenton.

ALTERNATES

- Annie Fitzpatrick (at large), Trenton.
 Ada Hoffmann, Trenton.

NEW YORK

[ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 7, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910.	215 Corps, 10,027 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	19 " 49 "
Loss by suspensions	302 "

Total membership	234 Corps, 10,378 Members
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ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	16
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	14

Total representation	35
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Department President	*Regina Demarest, 220 West 139th St., New York City
Senior Vice-President	Ella Stearns Tiffany . . . Maple St., Jamestown
Junior Vice-President	*Melissa D. Morris . . . 101 Oak St., Hudson Falls
Secretary	*Elizabeth Waterhouse . . . 49 E. 126th St., N. Y. City
Treasurer	*S. Annis Davidson . . . 264 Connecticut St., Buffalo

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-87	†Sarah C. Nichols (died June 5, 1907)	
1887-90	†Sarah C. Mink (died Dec. 3, 1896)	
1890-91	†Sarah C. Nichols (died June 5, 1907)	
1891-93	†Ellen M. Putnam (died Dec. 28, 1903)	
1893-95	†Kate E. Jones	10 Armory Hill, Ilion
1895-97	†Annie P. Cleary (died Feb. 12, 1908)	
1897-99	*Ada G. Mohr	689 Halsey St., Brooklyn
1899-1900	Mary E. Seely	512 Montgomery St., Syracuse
1900-1901	*Sarah E. Fulton	209 University Ave., Rochester
1901-1902	Jennie P. Shepard	R. F. D., Lodi
1902-1903	*Kate L. Gledhill	498 Upper Hamilton St., Albany
1903-1904	*Susie H. Carver	8 Goethe St., Binghamton
1904-1905	*Florence M. Westcott	226 West 136th St., New York
1905-1906	Florence Earle Payne	38 North Gordon St., Gouverneur
1906-1907	†Emeline M. Chaffee (died Jan. 21, 1908)	
1907-1908	*Ida Shotts Pentreath	333 Warburton Ave., Yonkers
1908-1909	*Ella B. Craft	58 Cypress St., Rochester
1909-1910	*Nellie M. Bayless	56 Mitchell Ave., Binghamton
	*B. Jane Russell (transferred from Dept. California), 6 Ross Ave., Nyack, N.Y.	
	Sarah E. Holmes (transferred from Department South Dakota)	Brockport
	Gertrude Horr Connell (transferred from Department of Nebraska)	Carthage
	*Luella W. Powell (reinstated from Dept. Kansas), 301 William St., E. Orange, N.J.	

DELEGATES

*Helen Vandenburg (at large), Upper Troy.	Ida M. Auringer (at large), Syracuse.
*Emma Tufts, Ilion.	*Anna M. Sirey, Brooklyn.
*Beatrice Tyson, Flushing.	*Addie Haven, Afton.
*Mary Newell, Brooklyn.	Emily Edwards, Sheepshead Bay.
Hattie Bouton, Marathon.	Catherine Andrews, Yonkers.
*Jessie Sayles, North Tonawanda.	Mae G. Hughes, Rochester.
*Catherine Bolton, Troy.	Minnie Lockwood, Buffalo.
*Susan R. Wilcox, Brooklyn.	Emily Payton, Brooklyn.
*Celia Squires, Brooklyn.	Mary C. Walters, New York City.
*Pauline Isaacs, New York City.	Margaret C. Danderand, Cohoes.
*Lovina Bennett, Syracuse.	Bell Cleary, Troy.
*Antoinette Hoyt, Newburg.	Maria Thatcher, Rensselaer.
*Adelia Folsom, Binghamton.	Helen Ellis, East Aurora
*Masie L. Green, New York City.	Victoria Graves, Rochester.
Ella May Sheriff, Buffalo.	Helen I. Parker, Gouverneur.

NORTH DAKOTA

[ORGANIZED APRIL 23, 1889.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	12 Corps,	575 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	4 "	87
Loss by suspensions		9 Members
Total membership	16 Corps,	671 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	16
Total representation	23

Department President	*Elsie M. Powell	Devils Lake
Senior Vice-President	Maude Rosecrans	Towner
Junior Vice-President	Dora Kurtz	Jamestown
Secretary	Alice H. Creel	Devils Lake
Treasurer	Frances A. Woodward	Devils Lake

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1890-92	Josephine Folsom	Fargo
1892-93	Sue R. Caswell	Grand Forks
1893-94	†Georgiana Henry (died Oct. 13, 1904)	
1894-95	Mattie S. Ehrman	506 22d St., San Diego, Cal.
1895-96	Isabella M. Roberts	Devils Lake
1896-98	†Kate G. Vallandigham	Valley City
1898-99	Jennie Ball	Grafton
1899-1900	E. Amelia Gearey	Fargo
1900-1901	Ella M. Sprague	Grand Forks
1901-1902	Emma B. Falconer	Bismarck
1902-1903	Fannie A. Walker	Wahpeton
1903-1904	Carrie A. Johnston	Lisbon
1904-1905	Marilla D. Johnson	Baraboo, Wis.
1905-1906	Elizabeth A. Porter	4010 6th Ave., S. Jamestown
1906-1907	Rettie Cooch	Lisbon
1907-1908	Ellen M. Johnston	Fargo
1908-1909	Charlotte A. Hewitt	Larimore
1909-1910	Lizzie A. Josselyn	Wahpeton, N.D.

DELEGATES

*Jean McN. Stevens (at large), Towner.
 *Minnie Schmidt, Jamestown.

ALTERNATES

Sarah Graber (at large), Grand Forks
 Mary E. Lane, Wahpeton

OHIO

[ORGANIZED JANUARY 30, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	207 Corps, 11,938 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	19 " 388 "
Loss by suspensions	222 "
Total membership	226 Corps, 12,548 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing).	19
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	15
Total representation	39

Department President	*Lulu F. Huffman	236 W. Main St., Wilmington
Senior Vice-President	*Charlotte D. Davidson	20 E. Market St., Xenia
Junior Vice-President	*Dora L. Brush	4918 Broadway, Cleveland
Secretary	*Anna I. McCoy	302 West Main St., Wilmington
Treasurer	*Lydia E. Barrett	332 S. South St., Wilmington

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-86	\$Lotta L. Myers	
1886-87	†Sarah M. E. Battels (died May 4, 1906)	
1887-88	†Isabelle T. Bagley	Port Deposit, Md.
1888-89	†Mary E. Bancroft (died Nov. 19, 1897)	
1889-90	Elizabeth S. Herron	Tuckahoe, N.Y.
1890-91	†Ada F. Clark (died Nov. 25, 1899)	
1891-92	Mary A. Lyon	38 Ringold St., Dayton
1892-93	Anna B. Kennedy	Bryan
1893-94	†Caroline W. Waddell (died Dec. 21, 1905)	
1894-95	†Sarah D. Winans	2111 Washington St., Toledo
1895-96	†Salena F. Springsteen (died January 13, 1910)	
1896-98	†Emma F. Cressinger (died January, 1910)	
1898-99	Vesta J. Shoemaker	141 South Williams St., Dayton
1899-1900	Lucie S. Hamilton	Orrville
1900-1901	†Hannah U. Maxon (died May 28, 1910)	
1901-1902	†Anna E. Howe	22 14th St., Toledo
1902-1903	Ellen W. Applebaugh	34 Vine St., Wooster
1903-1904	Hannah M. Gahagan	Troy
1904-1905	Sina B. Goddard	695 Main St., Conneaut
1905-1906	*Lois M. Knauff	The Whitehall, Cleveland
1906-1907	Virginia McLaughlin Taggart	26 Christy St., Akron
1907-1908	Mattie E. Lear	261 Hamilton Ave., Columbus
1908-1909	*Edith M. Mason	64 Spring St., Oberlin
1909-1910	†Mary C. Wentzel	1767 Chase Ave., Cincinnati

DELEGATES

*Emma K. McCammon (at large), Cincinnati.
 *Inez Johanning, Toledo.
 Ida Whitehorn, Delta.
 Anna Overdorf, West Liberty.
 *Alice G. Hoyle, Sidney.
 *Mary E. Beeks, Oxford.
 *Mary W. Thrall, Xenia.
 *Sadie McCann, Norwalk.
 *Belle R. Harris, Bucyrus.
 *Laura Thrall, Columbus.
 Agnes Entsminger, Gallipolis.
 Clara Heffron, Cleveland.
 *Ellen W. Applebaugh, Wooster.
 *Nellie B. Cole, Conneaut.
 Nannie B. Arter, Lisbon.
 *Lizzie Barton, Philo.
 *Melissa Stamats, Richwood.
 *Ella P. Rice, Newton Falls.
 *Alice E. Matthews, Columbus.

ALTERNATES

Eliza Spohr (at large), Cincinnati.
 *Anna F. Kirk, Bradner.
 Florence B. Stewart, Montpelier.
 Marion Snyder, Bellefontaine.
 Ella B. Woodward, Tippecanoe City.
 *Elizabeth J. Evans, Cincinnati.
 Lizzie Nuifer, Springfield.
 Alpha B. Gardner, Lakeside.
 Laura B. Cherry, Mansfield.
 Corda Nichols, New Lexington.
 Cora C. Poston, Nelsonville.
 *Mary A. Bayard, Chagrin Falls.
 Nellie B. Parsons, Elyria.
 Jennie Barber, Conneaut.
 Cora Olds, Youngstown.
 Elizabeth Schellart, Steubenville.
 Rose L. Burroughs, Delaware.
 *Frances E. Smith, Akron.
 *Olive G. Williams, Troy.

OKLAHOMA

[ORGANIZED MAY 20, 1893.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	34 Corps, 1,281 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	13 " 192 "
Loss by suspensions	24 "
Total membership	47 Corps, 1,497 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	14
Total representation	21

Department President	*Sarah M. Wilkins	703 Dewey St., Chandler
Senior Vice-President	Josephine Taylor	Perry
Junior Vice-President	Jennie Mathews	130 Barnes St., Alva
Secretary	Laura Jones	L. Box 57, Davenport
Treasurer	Leota D. Hamel	Tonkawa

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1893-94	†Jennie M. Jones (died Aug. 10, 1894)	
1894-96	Emma C. Pomeroy-Strahan	737 H St., Perry
1896-97	Olive M. Laux	117 East 4th St., Oklahoma City
1897-98	Nettie M. Wolfe	Oklahoma City
1898-99	†Mary B. Younkman (died Nov. 13, 1904)	
1899-1900	Sarah A. Wedge	508 East Randolph St., Enid
1900-1901	May I. Barton	Tyrone
1901-1902	Frances M. Koch	Medford
1902-1903	†Eunice M. Munger	6 Broadway Circle, Oklahoma City
1903-1904	Altissa McDonald	314 North Fourth St., Ponca City
1904-1905	§Ella S. Slade	
1905-1906	Adah F. Watson	El Reno
1906-1907	Ida M. Ruby	Ponca City
1907-1908	Martha M. Huntzberger	Hennessey
1906-1907	†Lilah D. Lindsey	Tulsa
1907-1908	Minnie B. Parmlee	Sapulpa
1908-1909	Mae E. Vampner	312 South First St., Guthrie
1909-1910	†Mae E. Vampner	312 South First St., Guthrie
	Clara E. Nichols (transferred from Department Iowa)	Chandler

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

Doll Wait Clark (at large), Pawnee.	*Jennie McDermond (at large), Hennessey.
*Cora G. Lowery, Oklahoma City.	Mary E. Veach, Woodward.

OREGON

[ORGANIZED JANUARY 28, 1885.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	34 Corps, 1,709 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	5 " 113 "
Loss by suspensions	7 "

Total membership 39 Corps, 1,829 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	3
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17

Total representation 25

Department President	*Lizzie Smith	R.F.D. No. 5, Salem
Senior Vice-President	Charlotte Ekstrom	Astoria
Junior Vice-President	Josephine Crocker	Ashland
Secretary	Jennie E. Pritchard	896 E. Couch St., Portland
Treasurer	Hattie Cameron	Salem

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1885-86	Ida M. Babcock	749 N. Commercial St., Salem
1886-87	†Eliza Caukin (died May 22, 1899)	
1887-88	†Nina M. Fry (transferred to Dept. of Washington and Alaska).	
1888-89	Sarah E. Miller	317 Eugene St., Portland
1889-90	†Julia Abrahams (died Oct. 6, 1897)	
1890-91	Mary H. Ellis	Dover, Ill
1891-92	§Fannie E. Lounsbury	
1892-93	Mary J. Train	Albany
1893-94	§Celia E. Olmstead	
1894-95	Nettie J. Ungerman	544 2d St., McMinnville
1895-96	Mary Scott Myers	321 Jessup St., Piedmont, Portland
1896-97	Sarah M. McCown	Oregon City
1897-98	Susan Gwilt (transferred to Dept. of California and Nevada)	
1898-99	Ella E. Frazer	80 W. 5th St., Eugene
1899-1900	†Helen M. Gates (died Dec. 29, 1907)	
1900-1901	Clara T. Lyle	Portland
1901-1902	Emma Galloway	McMinnville
1902-1903	Julia A. Lawton	419 Larabee St., Portland
1903-1904	Rose M. Schenck	Toledo
1904-1905	Bertie M. Smith	401 Holladay Ave., Portland
1905-1906	Jennie B. Harding	1006 Main St., Oregon City
1906-1907	Mary C. Hildreth	Grants Pass
1907-1908	†Cora M. Davis	Union
1908-1909	Jennie Higgins	862 Pearl St., Eugene
1909-1910	Mary E. Chamberlain	432 Jefferson St., Portland

DELEGATES

Martha Zeck (at large), Bandon.
 *Kate Neale, Portland.
 Sarah Fastabend, Astoria.

ALTERNATES

Amanda Williams (at large), Portland
 Marybeth Crowell, Hood River.
 Mahala Pike, Newburg.

PENNSYLVANIA

[ORGANIZED JUNE 18, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	88 Corps, 3,096 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	15 " 256 "
Loss by suspensions	120 "
Total membership	103 Corps, 3,472 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	5
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17
Total representation	27

Department President	*Laura W. Willow	Rolfe
Senior Vice-President	*Jane Lewis	1149 W. Locust St., Scranton
Junior Vice-President	*Sarah P. Krebs	220 Shady Ave., Pittsburg
Secretary	†Abbie Lynch	1432 Sheffield St., Pittsburg, N.S.
Treasurer	*Jennie Carrington	801 E. 3d St., Oil City

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-85	§Therese E. Holthouse	
1885-87	†Annie Wittenmyer (died Feb. 2, 1909)	
1887-88	†Abbie Lynch	1432 Sheffield St., N.S., Pittsburg
1888-89	*Jennie M. Reavley	522 Sixth St., Erie
1889-90	Helen S. Morrison	Smethport
1890-91	S. Maria Lennard	48 Howe St., New Haven, Conn.
1891-92	§Emma S. Lindsey	
1892-93	Eva M. Evans	602 Cator Ave., Baltimore, Md.
1893-94	*Charlotte Sink Cumings	Tidioute
1894-95	†Annie Wittenmyer (died Feb. 2, 1900)	
1895-96	*Anna M. Wilbur	Warren
1896-97	*Fannie A. Boyden	Susquehanna
1897-98	*Alice Starr Hauck	Mechanicsburg
1898-99	†Martha Sherman (died April 3, 1900)	
1899-1900	Mary A. Cressinger	230 Arch St., Sunbury
1900-1901	*Alfaretta M. De Vine	Rolfe
1901-1902	Maria L. Mumford	58 Murray St., Binghamton, N.Y.
1902-1903	Millie J. Chapman, M.D.	Springboro
1903-1904	Adaline E. Robinson	North East
1904-1905	†F. Estelle Hall (died Feb. 24, 1906)	
1905-1906	Sophie de V. Barrett	116 Cherry St., Clearfield
1906-1907	Suie May Sharpe	Tionesta
1907-1908	*Susie F. Loomis	125 So. Hyde Park Ave., Scranton
1908-1909	Sarah S. Mottier	Box 22, North East
1909-1910	*Julia R. Carrington	Susquehanna

DELEGATES

Jennie Roat (at large), Kingston.
 *Hettie K. Powell, Mauch Chunk.
 *Eleanor Kearney, Homestead.
 *Maggie J. Sias, Pittsburg.
 Ella McSurdy, Coatesville.

ALTERNATES

*Jennie S. Riday (at large), Philadelphia.
 *Susan Dougherty, Reading.
 Mary E. Besselievre, Philadelphia.
 Eva Holton, Coatesville.
 Hannah T. James, Philadelphia.

POTOMAC

[ORGANIZED JUNE 18, 1890.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	9 Corps,	583 Members
Loss by delinquent reports		None
Loss by suspensions		9 Members
Total membership	9 Corps,	592 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	15
Total representation	22

Department President	†Nora B. Atkinson, 1328 Emerson St., N.E., Wash., D.C.
Senior Vice-President	†Fannie E. Worden, 205 D St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Junior Vice-President	Fannie M. Page 51 D St., S.E., Washington, D.C.
Secretary	*Julia M. Layton, 1722 10th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Treasurer	*Edith S. Emerson, 62 Tea St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1890-91	†Joanna W. Turner (died June 15, 1901)	
1891-93	†Ida V. Hendricks	Kensington, Md.
1893-94	†Susie M. McCabe (died Oct. 26, 1896)	
1894-95	Indiana Cowling	Gaithersburg, Md.
1895-96	Anna S. Hamilton	The Rochambeau, Washington, D.C.
1896-97	*Annie W. Johnson	117 B St., S.E., Washington, D.C.
1897-98	Georgie G. Bain	1931 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
1898-99	Anna A. Peck	826 A St., S.E., Washington, D.C.
1899-1900	†Charlotte A. Kibby (died Aug. 30, 1901)	
1900-1901	*Matilda R. Sprague	The Portner, Washington, D.C.
1901-1902	*Margaret B. Tew	545 Harrison St., Anacostia, D.C.
1902-1903	†Lida A. Oldroyd	516 10th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
1903-1904	Rosamond B. Mcacham	The Owasco, Washington, D.C.
1904-1905	*Ida L. Chase	408 Second St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
1905-1906	*Lida J. Hart	621 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C.
1906-1907	*Vina M. Calhoun	515 Fourth St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
1907-1908	*Isabel Worrell Ball	National Tribune Bldg., Washington, D.C.
1908-1909	*Emma L. Newton	1221 Euclid St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
1909-1910	*Mary E. Dow	119 Tea St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Lizzie Owens Buchta (transferred from Department Maryland), Roland Park, Baltimore, Md.		

DELEGATES

- *Elizabeth C. Montis (at large),
Washington, D.C.
*Annie Quinn, Washington, D.C.

ALTERNATES

- Georgianna D. Van Fleet (at large),
Washington, D.C.
Mamie P. Dorsey, Washington, D.C.

RHODE ISLAND

[ORGANIZED JUNE 6, 1888.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	15 Corps, 739 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	None
Loss by suspensions	35 Members
Total membership	15 Corps, 774 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17
Total representation	24

Department President	*Annie L. Pender	824 Broad St., Providence
Senior Vice-President	*Mary E. Dexter	482 Smithfield Ave., Pawtucket
Junior Vice-President	*Harriet A. Hill	Phenix
Secretary	Julia P. Nason	16 Penn St., Providence
Treasurer	*Emma F. Brown	779 N. Main St., Pawtucket

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1888-89	Sarah C. Mason	Box 27, So. Attleboro, Mass.
1889-90	Mary French	11 May St., Pawtucket
1890-91	†Sadie S. Morton (died Nov. 25, 1897)	
1891-92	Mary M. Brown	4435 Winsor Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
1892-93	†Emily L. Sibley (died June 20, 1903)	
1893-94	†Maria A. Wilson (died March 9, 1907)	
1894-95	Celia A. Kinyon	12 Kepler St., Providence
1895-96	Emily F. Fish	31 Beach St., Pawtucket
1896-97	†Julia P. Nason	16 Penn St., Providence
1897-98	Bessie M. Seymour	145 Childs St., Warren
1898-99	Ella F. Burt	551 Potter Ave., Providence
1899-1900	Mary E. Cooley	Seckonk, Mass.
1900-1901	Martha Card	24 Anthony St., East Providence
1901-1902	Lizzie E. Prentice	126 Chapin Ave., Providence
1902-1903	*Hattie Ford	66 Laura St., Providence
1903-1904	Jessie A. McCartney	329 Central St., Central Falls
1904-1905	Myra J. Olney	48 Highland St., Pawtucket
1905-1906	Louisa M. Bowen	5 Mary St., Central Falls
1906-1907	*Rosa A. Patt	546 High St., Central Falls
1907-1908	Hattie G. Wheaton	185 Smith St., Providence
1908-1909	*Mary E. McGrath	373 Broad St., Central Falls
1909-1910	†Clara L. Lake	41 John St., Newport

DELEGATES

*Selina Burdick (at large), Riverpoint.
Amanda M. Harwood, Providence.

ALTERNATES

Sarah Graves (at large), Pawtucket.
Margaret McKenzie, Woonsocket.

SOUTH DAKOTA

[ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 11, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	36 Corps, 1,393 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	12 " 228 "
Loss by suspensions	60 "

Total membership 48 Corps, 1,681 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	3
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented) . .	17
Total representation	25

Department President	*Mary J. Osborn	Yankton
Senior Vice-President	Helen Kibbee	Mitchell
Junior Vice-President	Mary Rainey	Watertown
Secretary	Fannie M. Simpson	Yankton
Treasurer	Emma Edwards	Yankton

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-86	†Alma S. Bennett (transferred to Department Missouri)	
1886-87	§Lelia L. Smith	
1887-89	†Sarah E. B. Smith (transferred to Department Minnesota)	
1889-90	Louise P. Hauser	Aberdeen
1890-91	Lucy P. Bryson	Gettysburg
1891-92	Ruth H. Thomas	Huron
1892-93	†Sarah E. Holmes (transferred to Department New York)	
1893-94	Carrie M. Cleveland	Carthage
1894-95	Emma F. Robinson	Egan
1895-96	†Eppie McMillan Stewart (transferred to Department Indiana)	
1896-97	Adelia Hale Conner	Hot Springs
1897-98	Sue C. Moulton	Faulkton
1898-99	Violet W. Murphy	Yankton
1899-1900	Alice M. A. Pickler	Faulkton
1900-1901	Emmer M. Cook	Huron
1901-1902	Helen A. Hobbs	Yankton
1902-1903	†Mary Noyes Farr	Pierre
1903-1904	Jane A. Mason	Aberdeen
1904-1905	Ermina E. Carpenter	Watertown
1905-1906	†Clara A. Lukens	Mitchell
1906-1907	Laura S. Harmon	Parker
1907-1908	Mary Brown	Sioux Falls
1908-1909	Minnie Fox	Brookings
1909-1910	Almera Stowell	114 S. 3d St., Aberdeen

DELEGATES

Emma Humphrey (at large), Watertown.	*Winifred Kingman (at large), Selby
Minnie Bushnell, Brookings.	S. Nevada Hereford, Aberdeen.
*Mary Kingman, Selby.	Nellie Chapman, Alexandria.

TENNESSEE

[ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 6, 1892.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	5 Corps,	91 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	1 "	50 "
Loss by suspensions		None
Total membership	6 Corps,	141 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	11
Total representation	18

Department President	*Annie Ford Johnson	R.F.D. No. 1, Knoxville
Senior Vice-President	*Elizabeth M. Cratcer	Mountain Branch Home
Junior Vice-President	Laura A. Price	Nashville
Secretary	Mabel Bynon	1721 Jackson Ave., Knoxville
Treasurer	Flora E. Nicholas	1409 Broadway, Knoxville

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1892-93	†Bianca L. Muller (died July 15, 1896)	
1893-94	†Marion C. Ramage (died Nov. 1, 1908)	
1894-95	Leonora H. Tucker	2108 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga
1895-96	Janie M. S. Case	507 East Fifth St., Chattanooga
1896-98	†Alida Rule (died Oct. 28, 1900)	
1898-99	*Josephine C. Zeigler	Maryville
1899-1900	Lillie J. Schmidt	1536 Everett Ave., Louisville, Ky.
1900-1902	Maria E. Dean	902 E. Ninth St., Chattanooga
1902-1903	Myrtle W. Bixby	23 Payne St., Chattanooga
1903-1904	†Nettie E. Patterson (died Dec. 26, 1908)	
1904-1905	Mahala A. Archer	907 East Montgomery Ave., Chattanooga
1905-1907	Mary A. Hopkins	1220 Lischey Ave., Nashville
1907-1908	Diana Cooley	Cleveland
1908-1909	Rachel S. Marshall	15 North Prospect St., Chattanooga
1909-1910	Mary E. Thomas	304 Duncan Ave., Chattanooga

DELEGATES

*May C. Peters (at large), Knoxville.
 Mary E. Bachelder, Chattanooga.

ALTERNATES

Clara N. Harris (at large), Chattanooga.
 Mary E. Gould, Chattanooga.

TEXAS

[ORGANIZED MARCH 5, 1890.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	6 Corps, 229 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	None
Loss by suspensions	"
Total membership	6 Corps, 229 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	14
Total representation	21

Department President	*Lizzie E. Durham	601 West Day St., Denison
Senior Vice-President	Barbara Boyd	327 Maple Ave., Dallas
Junior Vice-President	Sarah Hoyt	809 Granger St., Ft. Worth
Secretary	Verna S. Irvin	928 W. Chestnut St., Denison
Treasurer	Malinda Rainey	217 South Scullin Ave., Denison

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1890-91	Hattie A. Loring	509 N. Colorado St., San Antonio
1891-92	Elida A. Williams-Fairbanks	Denison
1892-93	Anna E. Knight	Nacona
1893-94	Martha B. Leeds	135 South Workman St., Los Angeles, Cal.
1894-95	Anna Wingrove	201 West Morton St., Denison
1895-96	§Lavantia Conger	
1896-97	Lilie Khne Nichols	Lockhart
1897-98	Maggie A. Rust	Grand Prairie
1898-1900	§Ada C. Work	
1900-1902	Annette Van Horn	1217 San Jacinto St., Houston
1902-1903	†Mary J. Tygard	632 Mosby St., Memphis, Tenn.
1903-1904	†Juha Tabor (died Nov 8, 1904)	
1904-1905	Delia B. Boothroyd	Republic of Mexico
1905-	††Sue R. Nash (died in office Aug. 11, 1905)	
1905-1906	§Mary J. Scott Underhill	
1906-1907	Emma Dunlap	197 Grand Ave., Dallas
1907-1908	Elma Kline	523 8th St., San Antonio
1908-1909	Sarah E. Bonnell	League City
1909-1910	†Alice McEwen	109 Hogg St., Ft. Worth

DELEGATES

Ella A. Phillips (at large), Ft. Worth. *Josie McNeerney (at large), Des Moines, Iowa
 Emma Norris, San Antonio. Mary C. Yingling, Dallas.

ALTERNATES

UTAH

[ORGANIZED JUNE 11, 1910.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	5 Corps, 352 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	None
Loss by suspension	4 Members
Total membership :	5 Corps, 356 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Total representation	7

Department President .	Martha M. Campbell,	315 So. 1st West St., Salt Lake
Senior Vice-President .	Anna Jenkins	2370 Lincoln Ave., Ogden
Junior Vice-President .	*Ellen V. Brooks	173 Q St., Salt Lake
Secretary	*Mossie Roby	267 East 4th South St., Salt Lake
Treasurer	Kitty A. Hines	Provo City

DELEGATES

Kate Farrell (at large), Salt Lake City
Nannie Owens, Ogden.

ALTERNATES

*Agnes Carter (at large), Salt Lake City.
*Joanna Melton, Salt Lake City.

VERMONT

[ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 4, 1885.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	63 Corps, 2,746 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	2 " 36 "
Loss by suspensions	25 "
Total membership	65 Corps, 2,807 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	5
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	17
Total representation	27

Department President	*Edna L. Jewett	Swanton
Senior Vice-President	*Nina M. Stoughton	S. Royalton
Junior Vice-President	Ida E. Goodenough	Brattleboro
Secretary	*Florence H. Gates	Swanton
Treasurer	*Jessie A. Sturtevant	238 Main St., St. Albans

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1885-86	Minna G. Hooker	Main St., Brattleboro
1886-87	Lucy J. Gibson	521 Main St., Bennington
1887-88	†Amanda T. Newcomb (died Oct. 17, 1902)	
1888-90	Lenora W. Howe	Walpole, N.H.
1890-91	†Janet P. Blackmer (died Jan. 21, 1905)	
1891-92	†Charlotte A. H. Thompson (died Nov. 15, 1906)	
1892-93	†Ellen M. Seaver (died Oct. 13, 1910)	
1893-94	†Calista Robinson Jones	Bradford
1894-95	Alice A. Henry	Chester
1895-96	Delia M. Needham	188 South Main St., Rutland
1896-97	A. Louise Putnam	Green St., Brattleboro
1897-98	†Florence H. Gates	Grand Ave., Swanton
1898-99	†Amanda T. Newcomb (died Oct. 17, 1902)	
1899-1900	Clara B. Niles	49 Main St., Morrisville
1900-1901	*Olive F. Puffer	213 Union St., Bennington
1901-1902	Sarah F. Hovey	49 Lafayette St., St. Johnsbury
1902-1903	Hattie L. Palmer	Underhill
1903-1904	*Anna A. Beach	21 Lafayette Place, Burlington
1904-1905	*Mary B. Goodwin	Wells River
1905-1906	†Lydia M. Lewis (died Jan. 19, 1908)	
1906-1907	Calista H. Bangs	40 Green St., Brattleboro
1907-1908	*Kate D. Lee	Wells River
1908-1909	Nellie M. Smythe	St. Johnsbury
1909-1910	Mary L. Rising	Randolph

DELEGATES

*Anna Bush (at large), Brookline.
 *Lydia Olmstead, Morrisville.
 *Etta Martin, Burlington.
 *Ada Davis, Bradford.
 *Eleanor Arless, Montreal.

ALTERNATES

Libbie B. Wheeler (at large), Wells River.
 Mary G. Beckwith, Ludlow.
 Louise J. Switzer, Bellows Falls.
 Kate Warren, Lunenburg.
 Kittie Rhoades, St. Albans.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

[ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 11, 1886.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	56 Corps, 2,731 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	7 " 174 "
Loss by suspensions	116 "
Total membership	63 Corps, 3,021 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	5
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	18
Total representation	28

Department President	*Josephine H. Dunning, 1238 South Wall St., Spokane
Senior Vice-President	Florence Duncan Hoquiam
Junior Vice-President	Cornelia Stewart Cashmere
Secretary	Angie D. Nohr Mead
Treasurer	Kate J. Burnham, 204 Montgomery Ave., Spokane

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1886-88	†Viola Kenyon (transferred to Department California and Nevada)
1888-89	Helen Burke 1601 10th Ave., W., Seattle
1889-90	†Lucy A. Ide (died March 10, 1903)
1890-91	†May Evans-Reid (died March 15, 1910)
1891-92	Sarah M. Tomlinson-Parker 6829 Broad St., Los Angeles, Cal.
1892-93	†Lizzie R. Herrick (died May 8, 1908)
1893-94	Jennie S. Holmes 215 23d Ave., N., Seattle
1894-95	†Anna McC. Watson (transferred to Department Wisconsin)
1895-96	Lizzie Carnes 105 Newell St., Walla Walla
1896-97	†Ursula M. Mattison 705 South O St., S., Tacoma
1897-98	Frankie E. Bedell Walla Walla
1898-99	Clara S. Taylor 102 North Broadway, Seattle
1899-1900	Anna Webster 612 24th Ave., N., Seattle
1900-1901	Lida McKercher 623½ North Broadway, Seattle
1901-1902	*Jennie S. Wiscombe 1116 14th Ave., Spokane
1902-1903	Mattie E. Ames Port Orchard
1903-1904	E. Phillis Carleton 1423 11th Ave., Spokane
1904-1905	\$Nancy E. Davis
1905-1906	Susan L. Mock Orlando, Florida
1906-1907	Malissa U. Stewart East 303 Augusta Ave., Spokane
1907-1908	Mary Copestick 4019 2d Ave., N.E., Seattle
1908-1909	Dr. Eva St. Clair Osburn State Soldiers' Home, Orling
1909-1910	Lettie Brown Columbia Station, Seattle
	Nina M. Fry (transferred from Department Oregon), 1317 Howell St., Seattle
	Sylvia Grantier (transferred from Department Montana)
	28th St. and Sheridan Ave., Tacoma

DELEGATES

Ella Bozelle (at large), Tacoma.
 *Elizabeth Leonhardt, Portsmouth, Va.
 *Mattie J. Baird, Spokane.
 *Mary A. Gardner, Seattle.
 *Allie Maxfield, Tacoma.

ALTERNATES

Jennie Bartlett (at large), Wenatchee
 Margelsa Ferrier, Ellensburg.
 Alma Shultz, Vashon.
 Lizzie Weaver, Everett.
 Minnie Smith, Tacoma.

WEST VIRGINIA

[ORGANIZED APRIL 27, 1893.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	8 Corps, 296 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	2 " 30 "
Loss by suspensions	5 "
Total membership	10 Corps, 331 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	2
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented) . .	11
Total representation	18

Department President	*Ida V. Cox	450 Market St., Wheeling
Senior Vice-President	Emma Spencer	Mannington
Junior Vice-President	Jemina Houston	Ravenswood
Secretary	Lavinia Haberfield	21 1st St., Wheeling
Treasurer	Mary Hilderbrand	Wheeling

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1893-94	†Amanda L. Murdock (died April 9, 1900)	
1894-95	†Ellen F. Daniels	Box 777, Charleston
1895-97	Maria E. Leeds	Grafton
1897-98	†Mary C. Moeck (died May 4, 1903)	
1898-99	§Helen M. Lavalley	
1899-1900	§Eva C. Robinson	
1900-1901	Margaret J. Whiteman	4813 Eoff St., Wheeling
1901-1902	Elizabeth Williams	407 Reynolds St., Charleston
1902-1903	Jennie Bartlett	1721 Lynn St., Parkersburg
1903-1904	Julia A. Taylor	Rear No. 137 17th St., Wheeling
1904-1905	Fannie Cecil	1721 Lynn St., Parkersburg
1905-1906	Lizzie Conkle	73 24th St., Wheeling
1906-1907	†Sarah E. Adams (died March 6, 1910)	
1907-1908	Harriet Farmer	4134 Jacob St., Wheeling
1908-1909	Olive Mayer	Newport
1909-1910	Mollie Topping	402 Columbia Boulevard, Charleston

DELEGATES

Pearl French (at large), Charleston.
Jennie Morris, Wheeling.

ALTERNATES

Julia Fortney (at large), Wheeling.
*Lizzie Jackson, Wheeling.

WISCONSIN

[ORGANIZED JUNE 6, 1884.]

In good standing June 30, 1910	146 Corps, 7,146 Members
Loss by delinquent reports	2 " 26 "
Loss by suspensions	121 "

Total membership 148 Corps, 7,293 Members

ENTITLED TO VOTE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Department Officers	5
Delegates (based on membership in good standing)	11
Past Department Presidents (not otherwise represented)	20

Total representation 36

Department President	*Sophia N. Strathearn	South Kaukauna
Senior Vice-President	Laura E. Maloney	Fond du Lac
Junior Vice-President	Emily A. Whaley	Waupun
Secretary	*Attie M. Baer	Appleton
Treasurer	Alfreda McIntire	Waupaca

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

1884-86	†Harriet Dunlap (died April 8, 1908)	
1886-88	Gertie Rogers	Oconomowoc
1888-90	*Caroline H. Bell	101 19th St., Milwaukee
1890-91	†Helen H. Charlton (died Jan. 3, 1907)	
1891-92	Helen N. Puffer	Monroe
1892-93	Louise C. Williams	Oconomowoc
1893-95	Belle S. Hanover	Irma
1895-96	Elizabeth Skeel	Menomonie
1896-97	Lucinda C. Burchard	Fort Atkinson
1897-98	Lettie F. Withers	805 South River St., Eau Claire
1898-99	†Libbie C. Baer	Appleton
1899-1900	*Belle W. Bliss	604 East St., Baraboo
1900-1901	†Myra C. Grinnell (died Sept. 17, 1903)	
1901-1902	Harriet L. Welton	806 Oakland Ave., Madison
1902-1903	Cora M. Evans	Waupaca
1903-1904	Celestia L. Edwards	Oconomowoc
1904-1905	Ellen P. Weatherby	Shullsburg
1905-1906	†Fannie McAllister (died Sept. 3, 1908)	
1906-1907	†Kathryn Bleyer (died May 18, 1910)	
1907-1908	*Sarah E. Ganes	434 Watson St., Ripon
1908-1909	*Julietta Morris	565 E. Grand Ave., Beloit
1909-1910	*Annie E. Noyes	1112 W. Washington Ave., Madison
	Anna McC Watson (transf. from Wash. and Alaska)	2714 Cedar St., Milwaukee
	*Emma C. Ewing Grinnell (transferred from Idaho)	407 Bluff St., Beloit

DELEGATES

Ella M. Bresee (at large), Madison.
*Florence Spencer, Janesville.
*Helen Chatterton, Belleville.
Ellen Doscher, Platteville.
*Mary Duke, Milwaukee.
Augusta Flack, Oconomowoc.
Amanda C. Wheeler, Fond du Lac.
Gertrude Graham, Tomah.
*Emma Bray, Oshkosh.
*Katherine Van Vlack, Ashland.
Mary Lindow, Ladysmith.

ALTERNATES

Katherine Cheek (at large), Baraboo.
*Sadie Carmen, Janesville.
*Julania Elston, Muscoda.
*Marie Gussman, Madison.
Elizabeth Mueller, Milwaukee.
Lucia Palmer, Waukesha.
*Fannie Warner, Beloit.
*Cora E. Harris, Evansville.
Pearl Mumbroe, Wautoma.
Belle Rodgers, Antigo.
*Amelia R. Flanagan, Fond-du-Lac.

DETACHED CORPS

ARIZONA (2 Corps)

- J. W. OWENS, No. 1, Phoenix 23 Members
President, Mary Ellen Fike, 701 N. 1st St.
- ALEXANDER, No. 2, Globe 38 Members
President, Lizzie Martin.

ARKANSAS (4 Corps)

- CURTIS, No. 1, Siloam Springs 58 Members
President, Julia B. French, Box 396.
- JUDSON, No. 4, Little Rock 11 Members
President, Mary Evans, 1600 Martin St.
- BARNES, No. 7, Marche 16 Members
President, Carrie Swinger.
- HARKER, No. 9, Gentry 11 Members
President, Levina Henderson, R.R. 4.

FLORIDA (6 Corps)

- B. C. LINCOLN, No. 2, Key West 50 Members
President, Patience Adams
- CHARLES GABRIEL, No. 3, Jacksonville 30 Members
President, C. J. McDonnell, 941 Carolina St.
- A. H. TERRY, No. 5, Tampa 30 Members
President, Ida J. Calhoun, 109 Magnolia Ave.
- KIT CARSON, No. 7, St. Petersburg 30 Members
*Senior Vice-President, Elizabeth Ferdon.
- J. G. HAMEL, No. 11, South Jacksonville 22 Members
President, Isabelle Tatton, R.F.D., Box 36.
- L. L. MITCHELL, No. 12, St. Cloud 75 Members
*President, Mary F. De Graw.

GEORGIA (3 Corps)

- J. B. STEADMAN, No. 1, Tallapoosa 30 Members
President, Frances M. Jones.
- COLONY, No. 2, Fitzgerald 63 Members
President, Helen Chaple, North Grant.
- ROBERT G. SHAW, No. 3, Savannah 37 Members
President, Matilda Williams, 1016 Vine St.

LOUISIANA (1 Corps)

- JENNINGS, No. 19, Jennings 31 Members
President, Clara Ritter

MARYLAND (1 Corps)

- CUSTER, No. 2, Baltimore 55 Members
*President, Salla Stanfield, 2522 Pennsylvania Ave.

NEW MEXICO (3 Corps)

- G. K. WARREN, No. 1, Albuquerque 105 Members
President, Emma C. Whitson, 505 N. 2d St.
- J. H. BLAZER, No. 3, Alamogordo 9 Members
President, Eliza J. De Mier.
- H. H. RAPIER, No. 4, Tularosa 8 Members
President, Nancy A. Shields.

NORTH CAROLINA (4 Corps)

- J. C. BEECHER, No. 1, Newbern 106 Members
*President, Anna W. Wynn, 5 Pares Ave.
- FLETCHER, No. 2, Elizabeth City 14 Members
President, Arminta Baily, Box 19.
- FLUCHER, No. 3, Washington 22 Members
President, Mariar Donn.
- J. C. ABBOTT, No. 4, Wilmington 28 Members
President, Elizabeth L. Pridgen, 420 S. 6th St.

SOUTH CAROLINA (4 Corps)

DAVID HUNTER, No. 1, Beaufort	58 Members
President, Susan M. Wallace, Prince St.	
WILLIAM R. REED, No. 2, Charleston	10 Members
President, Hattie O. Pugh, 18 America St.	
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, No. 3, Hilton Head	25 Members
President, Nancy Christopher.	
WILLIAM MCKINLEY, No. 4, Bluffton	20 Members
President, Violet Brewen.	

TENNESSEE (4 Corps)

LINCOLN, No. 4, Nashville	10 Members
President, Louisa Thornton, 449 4th Ave., North.	
DOUGLAS, No. 6, Memphis	15 Members
President, Onie Washington, 598 Beale Ave.	
CHICKAMAUGA, No. 7, Chattanooga	Delinquent
President, Alice Conyer, 1207 Watkins St.	
LATHROP, No. 8, Pulaski.	21 Members
President, Harriet Abernathy, Box 128.	

VIRGINIA (14 Corps)

CALLIOUX, No. 1, Norfolk	37 Members
President, Martha C. Walker, 377 Cumberland St.	
SHAW, No. 3, Norfolk	30 Members
President, Ellen Collins, 320 Cumberland St.	
SILAS FELLOWS, No. 4, Portsmouth	23 Members
*President, Margaret Anderson, 1204 Columbia St.	
LINCOLN, No. 5, Waterway	Delinquent
President, Lucy Poole.	
GRANT, No. 6, Machiponga.	45 Members
President, Annie F. Griffith, Eastville.	
PHILIP S. WOODFIN, No. 8, Hampton	50 Members
*President, Emma Church, 325 King St.	

VIRGINIA—*Continued.*

SHERMAN, No. 9, Savageville	50 Members
President, Annie Shields.	
DAHLGREN, No. 12, Norfolk	27 Members
*President, Flora S. Barber, 81 Johnson Ave.	
JOHN A. LOGAN, No. 13, Hampton	13 Members
*President, E. Pansy Colgan, 14 Tyler St.	
P. J. CARTER, No. 14, Mappsville	50 Members
President, Laura Watson, Assawomon.	
B. F. BUTLER, No. 15, Suffolk	Delinquent
President, Mattie A. Morris, 211 Pine St.	
R. J. MOORE, No. 17, Portsmouth	Delinquent
President, Hattie Elliot, 1201 Elingham St.	
HALLOWAY, No. 19, Cheapside	28 Members
*President, Paulina Morris.	
STEADMAN, No. 22, Petersburg	10 Members
President, Louisa Wilson, R.F.D. 1, Box 2.	

OPENING CEREMONIES
OF THE
Forty-Fourth National Encampment
OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
1910

SEMI-OFFICIAL MEETING

UNDER a canopy of lights which shed a glow upon the gracefully hanging folds of countless American flags, with a vast sea of faces stretching away on all sides from the platform upon which were seated Commander-in-Chief Samuel R. Van Sant and other prominent officials of the Grand Army, representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the heads of other patriotic organizations, the initial entertainment of the Forty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held on Young's Million Dollar Pier at Atlantic City, New Jersey, Tuesday evening, September 20, 1910.

The meeting was a semi-official one at which greetings were received from the various patriotic organizations and the formal transfer of the Andersonville Prison property was made by the Woman's Relief Corps to a representative of the United States Government. In the audience were hundreds upon hundreds of men wearing the little bronze button which is the insignia of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is half a century since the beginning of that never-to-be forgotten struggle between the North and the South. There are no more "boys" in blue. The boys have long since grown to man's estate, but in spite of that fact, and in spite of the fact that death is hourly claiming the men who survived the carnage of battle and lived to recount the hardships of camp and the prison pens, every face beamed with happiness and the old, boyish enthusiasm burst forth in cheer after cheer

as that dauntless hero, "Fighting Dan" Sickles, was carried to the stage upon the shoulders of his comrades. Surely, in all the associations of men there is no tie so close as the comradeship of war.

Seated upon the stage were the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic with his staff; Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army; the Governor of New Jersey, accompanied by several members of his official family; Jennie Iowa Berry, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and official staff; Kate E. Jones, and other Past National Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps; representatives of the other patriotic organizations then assembled in Atlantic City, and Lewis W. Call, representative of the United States Government.

The official band played a number of patriotic airs, and when the first strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" were sounded the vast audience rose to its feet and flags were waved as voices all through the audience fervently sang

"'Tis the star spangled banner! Oh, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

The meeting was called to order by Col. Frank M. Sterrett, Executive Director of the Encampment, who spoke briefly as follows:

"For more than seven months the local Executive Board, in a suite of rooms in the Real Estate and Law Building, have spent their waking hours in working out the details of the plans which shall render pleasant your stay in this city. It is for you to judge as to the success of those plans, and I now formally turn over the work of the local committees to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; but in order that he and you may appreciate how cordial is your welcome to Atlantic City, Hon. John Franklin Fort, the Governor of New Jersey, is here to extend to you the greetings of the Commonwealth over which he has jurisdiction."

Hon. John Franklin Fort, Governor of New Jersey: Commander Van Sant, ladies and gentlemen: For once in my life I am without my voice, and never have I wished for it more than now, that I might be able to make every person in this vast audience hear the words of greeting that I bring to you.

The State of New Jersey welcomes to her borders the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic. I am sure that I can say in the name of all her people, "We are glad you are within our gates." For myself, I have had no greater pleasure than thus to greet you since I have been the Governor of this State. During my term of office I have had occasion to welcome many organizations to New Jersey, but I appreciate most highly the privilege of extending to you the greetings of a State that you have helped to save. Our people believe that our fathers intended to and did create a nation. Others did not agree

with us, and we settled that question in a domestic contest in which you took a part. State rights were shot to death from 1861 to 1865.

This country is too great now, and the mutual interest of our people too important to be hampered by State lines. There has been much concentration of power since 1865. There will be more. Conditions, industrial, political and social, all demand it. It will grow just as wide as the Federal Constitution will permit of it, and no doubt, to make it still broader, that instrument will in time need and receive amendment. It is destructive of all prosperity and all great industrial and public enterprise to compel it to stop at the border line of each State and inquire, before it moves on, what rights it has in one State that are not protected in another State. The business of the nation cannot fully develop if it must meet and submit to forty-six different forms of law. It was you men who put at rest in this country the idea that there was anything sacred in a State line where the rights of a citizen of the United States were involved. The ninety millions of people constitute this Republic, not the forty-six States.

The opening sentence of the Constitution is, "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union . . . do ordain and establish this Constitution." The rights and interest of the man in Texas are the same as those of the man in New Jersey.

The men who wore the gray and those who wore the blue were all brothers. The fathers of us all wrought into being this Republic. That we had differences from 1861 to 1865 did not make us any the less brothers.

Last year it was my privilege to go to Virginia with the Fifteenth New Jersey Regiment of Volunteers to dedicate a monument on the battlefield of Spottsylvania and another at Salem Church. We were met at Fredericksburg by the boys who wore the gray, and it seemed to me they could not do enough to welcome us to their city and State. I came back convinced that the war was over, and the boys who wore the gray were as glad as we that it was settled as it was, and that today we are one people, one Republic, under the Stars and Stripes.

This year I was at Gettysburg, and as I went over that battlefield, where for three days the tide ebbed and flowed as the tides of the ocean, and victory and defeat alternated, and beheld the evidence of that great battle, I rejoiced that the Union forces prevailed, but I could not help but feel proud that on both sides fought Americans, and that fact accounted for the greatness of that mighty battle. My chief thought was not of the carnage of war, but pride in the people who could produce such mighty men as those who met there. As we traveled over the battlefield with the remnant which now remains of the Fifteenth New Jersey, we were accompanied from point to point

by the Confederates who fought our brave boys in those battles at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania and the Wilderness. Then I thought of Gettysburg — great Gettysburg — that gave us the General who lost the leg he has not with him tonight, and remembered those lines of marvelous ingenuity and strategy. I recalled the fact that the men in command were all Americans, although some wore the blue and some the gray. I thanked God that every man was an American. Down in Virginia I saw those men getting old, boys, like you, some with an empty sleeve. I was glad to know that their States were taking care of them. And now after fifty years I feel that we should do as McKinley said, "Go a little farther." I know that you feel that way too, and are willing to help take care of them; for there is more generous impulse in the heart of the man who wore the blue than in the hearts of the men who wore citizens' clothes. It is all the more to your credit that you whipped those men, that you won the victory over men equally as brave as you were.

Grant said, "Let us have peace," and we have had peace for fifty years. We had a little skirmish over in Cuba, but you men laugh when we call it a war. But what I want to call your attention to is that Gen. Joe Wheeler and others who fought under that flag were proud to show to the world, in this manner, that we do have, in fact as well as name, a united country. I wish we could forget some of the things we read in our schoolbooks, for I don't think there is a man in the South, a man, I say, for I cannot say so much for the women, but is glad that the war ended as it did. Not one of them wishes the result of the war was reversed.

In little New Jersey the people came into this Republic by the front door, and we are not going out of this Republic by any door. When I stand in the presence of a body of men who represent the great army of the Republic which saved this nation, my uppermost thought is always that of loyalty. In these days men think much on all subjects that relate to industrial life, and seem to place all their aims and purposes on the side of the sordid and temporal, and so it is good to have occasions like this that we may recall whence this Republic came, why it was founded, and what is to be its destiny. What this country needs is more patriotism. There is too much running after money. Rome fell because of the greed for gold, and all the powers of the world fell when they placed money above patriotism; and if the men of this generation, your children and the children of the past generation, would think more of loyalty and patriotism, and less of greed and graft, it would be better for the Republic. Men seem to strive for wealth and position at the sacrifice of every patriotic purpose, to gain money seems to be the end and aim of many people. The simplicity of the fathers has gone, and in its place has come, with

the rapid accumulation of wealth, a tendency to do and think things which to say the least are regrettable. In the public life partisanship is too often put above patriotism and individual duty. We seem to forget that next to God should be the love of country. So your presence here today is an inspiration to nobler and higher citizenship. Had I the voice I could talk tonight as I never talked before. When I look into your faces and realize how much you suffered to preserve that flag, my heart thrills with patriotism.

In closing, I wish to leave this thought with you. The war is over, the old sores are healed, and we have a united country founded upon the loyalty of her citizens, and ideals that are good, true and noble. Our aim shall be to keep it so. I love this nation. When I was a boy of twelve I remember how you men came back home from the war. I recall when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated how I was sent to ride throughout our neighborhood to proclaim the news, and I shall never forget the sorrow that was on the faces of the men just returned home, when I told them the news. I thank God that, boy that I was, I was then given an insight into the nobility of your character, and that I have had through life the example of men that neither time nor circumstances can replace. To the younger members of this vast audience I say, let us be grateful to them as I am grateful that they saved for us this glorious nation and made it possible for us to be all that we are.

Col. Frank M. Sterrett: I now wish to introduce to you the Mayor of Atlantic City, Hon. Franklin P. Stoy.

Hon. Franklin P. Stoy: Mr. Commander: Next to the American flag, this magnificent audience tonight is the most handsome sight I ever beheld in Atlantic City. I wish to say to you that those who are in authority in Atlantic City, with the assistance of the hotel contingent, have endeavored for the last ten years to persuade the Grand Army of the Republic to hold their Encampment in this city. We have always been told we were undersized, and were not able to take care of you properly. Now you have evidence of the fact that we are able to take care of you on the "playground of the world." I am here tonight in a dual capacity, as Mayor of Atlantic City and as a citizen, to extend to you a most cordial welcome. I am sorry our Governor is not in his usual trim tonight, for these walls would have rung with the praise of your valorous deeds, for he is a long-winded man, and he knows how to talk and when to talk. As Governor of the State of New Jersey he has welcomed you to our borders. I am holding but a very small position, nevertheless I am here also to extend a most hearty welcome and the freedom of Atlantic City, so you see we are all glad of your coming, from the highest to the lowest. Now I am growing a little hoarse, and so will do something that

General Grant never did, I am going to surrender. I am going to surrender Atlantic City to the Grand Army of the Republic. Take possession of it. A few years ago we were fearful that the Spanish army might bombard Atlantic City. Now I feel that nothing of the kind can ever happen. In the presence of General Van Sant I feel as safe as if in my father's house.

Now I have something to present to you [opening a box, which all the time he had held in his hand, and taking from it two large keys]. This is the key to the hearts of those who live in Atlantic City by the year, not by the day. This is the key to Atlantic City. We are glad you came and brought your sweethearts. We are proud to welcome your children, the Sons of Veterans and the Daughters of Veterans, and we esteem it a very great honor to extend a welcome to that noble band of women who cared for you during the war, the Army Nurses. These keys are for them as well as for the men who carried the guns, and I want to place them in the hands of a man in whom I have a great deal of confidence, into the hands of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, General Van Sant, then will I have completed the work of ten years in getting you seated in this building.

In conclusion, I wish to say a word in praise of your excellent Executive Director, Col. F. M. Sterrett, who has worked untiringly for months in anticipation of your coming. He has seen to every detail that would render pleasant your stay among us, even to the weather, and I am sure you will have sunshine even as you bring sunshine to us.

Now, Commander Van Sant, accept these keys. We hope you will bring your "bunch" some other time.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant: I am to appear on the program later, but as I thank you, I will say that in olden times when we wanted a town we went and took it.

James Inglis, Commander of the Department of New Jersey, Grand Army of the Republic, was next introduced by Colonel Sterrett, and spoke briefly as follows:

Comrades and friends: His Excellency the Governor, who is one of the best friends the Grand Army has ever had, has given you a royal welcome to this State that has ever been patriotic and loyal to the best interest of the country at large. His Honor the Mayor has welcomed you to the "Queen of the Summer Resorts," and now, as a comrade of the Grand Army and Commander of the Department of New Jersey, I can assure you that every member of the Grand Army in New Jersey is in hearty accord with all that has been said here tonight. The Mayor has, in giving you the keys of the city, opened wide the gates and practically thrown them away. We feel

that you are entitled to this welcome from every town, every city and every State in return for what you did for them. I also extend a heartfelt welcome to the Woman's Relief Corps, to the Ladies of the G.A.R., and to the Army Nurses' Association. We promise to do all we can to make this occasion a memorable one, and on your return to your homes we hope you will take with you the recollection that New Jersey has been all to you that is possible by way of hospitality.

Henry Reuck, of Atlantic City, a veteran who is seventy-two years of age, then declaimed the following ode which he had written and dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic:

THE RANK AND FILE

From this Queen City of the encircling sea,
Gray haired, gray bearded comrades range with me
On memory's magic pinions far and fast,
Through silent vistas of the historic past;
To the five years of internecine strife
That held in thrall our great Republic's life.
Down this same coast, on which we meet today,
Old Sumter stands wave-washed in Charleston bay;
There shotted guns of treason thundered forth,
Rousing the conscience of the loyal North;
Then compromises died, and the decree,
"To arms, to arms!" swept over land and sea.
And gathering freemen rallied round the flag.
You grizzled veterans did not idly lag,
But joined the Boys in Blue that marched away
To dare Death in battles' sanguinary fray;
The grandest army of all times and years,
Citizen soldiers, Union volunteers.
Be young again, old boys, and muse awhile
On that untried, devoted Rank and File.

From ways of peace, from factories, trades and farms,
Unused to war's death dealing, awful arms,
Unskilled, undrilled, did ever freedom's sons
So rally forth to front the blazing guns
In battles' flame-lit vortex unafraid
To learn war's deadly devastating trade?
How well they learned let history's pages tell,
Let minstrels sing and music's anthem swell,
And sculptured monuments be builded high
On Freedom's soil, beneath God's blue-domed sky,
Of marble, bronze or granite's rugged pile
To honor that heroic Rank and File.

Grand Army veterans met by Ocean's strand,
From scattered homes in Freedom's favored land,
Our honored guests, we greet you all with joy,
From humble citizen to our good Mayor Stoy;
The city's yours, you know from wide report
This is the great, the unexcelled resort,
Where recreation, pleasure, health and play
Hold their benign, recuperative sway.
Enjoy yourselves on Beach and Walk and Pier —
The whole town waits to give you of its cheer
May grand old Ocean's breezes, touched with brine,
Fill your old lungs and make your dim eyes shine
With some such vivid light and vital breath
As when you trod the fields of war and death,
Through years of toil, through failure and success,
Till Appomattox day that dawned to bless
Our arms with triumph, and the strife was done,
The nation saved and blood-bought victory won.
Long years have passed since that auspicious day
When you marched home with happy hearts and gay,
To friends and kindred, sweethearts, mother, wife,
And dear enjoyments of domestic life.
The conflict past, sweet peace and honor smile
On the home-coming of the Rank and File.

In dwindling numbers each succeeding year,
More gray, more bent, each other's hearts to cheer,
You meet in favored cities of the land;
The Old Guard militant, a grizzled band,
In scenes of peace, to talk of olden times,
Of absent comrades, summoned from the lines
To camp invisible to mortal sight,
For special service, where forever bright,
The great white soul of Father Abraham,
Through martyrdom, abides in heavenly calm;
One of earth's noblest types since Time began
Of God Almighty's great creation — man.
May his blest spirit, so divinely true,
Brood over all passing Boys in Blue
Until some day in Time's unfolding years
The last gray, gaunt Grand Army man appears,
With bowed head, waiting for the bugle call,
Of taps and lights out and God over all.
God's grace be with you, camping here today —
God's peace go with you on life's darkening way —
God's love enfold at last, and heaven smile
In benediction on the Rank and File.

Colonel Sterrett then introduced Commander-in-Chief Van Sant and the band played "Hail to the Chief" as he stepped to the front of the platform where he was received with cheers from the Grand Army comrades seated in the audience. As the music ceased Chief-of-Staff Silas H. Towler presented the Commander-in-Chief with a handsome gold badge, set with diamonds, his presentation speech being as follows:

Commander-in-Chief, you may think that because his Honor Mayor Stoy has intrusted you with the "keys" of Atlantic City, that you are invested with full power to govern, not only your comrades, but also the good people of this goodly city, and even to preside over this very large assemblage. It is, however, my duty to inform you that you are not. There are times when the chief staff officers command the Commander-in-Chief, and he must bow to their dictation. To such a time have you come, and I am here representing your military family and other comrades, together with your distinguished predecessors in the high office which you now hold, to pin upon your breast an emblem of authority and an evidence of their esteem and affection. Comrades, this box I hold in my hand is not particularly handsome; but it is suited for the purpose for which it was designed, and it is like the Commander-in-Chief in this, that the beauty lies within. On opening this box, Commander-in-Chief, I find a badge in gold and precious stones fashioned to bear evidence of your faithful service in that greatest of all wars, and also of the high honor you have attained in the walks of civil life.

It will be fastened to your breast by the eagle, bearing in its talons munitions of war, and attached thereto are the four stars, signifying the power that has been reposed in you. To show your place in that great struggle, suspended to the rank strap are the banner and badge of Wilson's Cavalry and the 16th Army Corps. Both organizations performed full well their part, and you, with them, have won undying fame. Attached to these symbols is the star of our Order, which we love and you have served so well. That future generations may read your record in imperishable lines, the reverse side of the star bears this inscription:

SAMUEL R. VAN SANT

CORPORAL COMPANY "A," 9th REGIMENT ILLINOIS CAVALRY

COMMANDER DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA G.A.R., 1894-5

GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA, 1900-5

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, G.A.R., 1909-10

Hereafter, as you look upon this badge, may fond memory bring to view the joys and triumphs and the performance of duty that has made your administration a success, and may it also serve to remind you of those who have esteemed it an honor to have been associated with you in the year's work.

I now propose three cheers for our Commander-in-Chief.

The cheers were given with a vim.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant: My Chief of Staff and Aides: I deem this a most precious gift, composed as it is of diamonds and gold, but far more precious to me is the spirit in which it is given. I shall always prize highly this token of the esteem and confidence of my comrades, and I trust that I may ever wear it over a loyal heart, loyal not only to my country, but to my friends.

I have been in this city but a few days, but I realize that for months you have been planning to make our stay here a pleasant one. Nothing has been left undone that should have been done, and I have only words of commendation for our excellent Executive Director, Frank M. Sterrett.

I now assume direction of this camp-fire. We are getting along very nicely, and if you will all be patient I promise you we will be through by two o'clock in the morning.

I wish to thank Governor Fort for the hearty welcome he has given us. New Jersey may be a small State, but she has a great Governor, and I want you all to know that New Jersey is loyal and patriotic to the heart's core. Four thousand and eighty-eight Grand Army men now dwell within its borders, and almost every Department has members who served with a New Jersey regiment. I thank the Mayor for the keys to the city, and I want to say to you, Mr. Mayor, that so far as the Grand Army men are concerned you may let your policemen sleep. I also wish to thank the Department Commander of New Jersey and the Executive Committee of Atlantic City for this auspicious opening, and now in behalf of my comrades I accept these hospitalities and say we appreciate from full hearts the welcome extended to us.

From all over the house came calls for General Sickles.

General Van Sant: Let us give three cheers for General Sickles, the last commander of a division.

Three rousing cheers were given, and General Sickles saluted with his crutch and said, "Thank you, thank you with all my heart."

Mary E. Lacey, President of the Army Nurses' Association, then extended the greetings of her Order in these words: I bring greetings from the Army Nurses' Association of the Civil War to the Commander-in-Chief, National President Woman's Relief Corps and all other patriotic organizations.

We are especially pleased to meet in New Jersey, for our Jersey boys were well represented at the front, and the people of Atlantic City certainly deserve great praise for their hospitality. We especially want to thank the Women's Committee, who have been untiring in their efforts to entertain the nurses.

Words cannot express our appreciation of the many courtesies extended us, not only at this Encampment, but at many others, by our true friend, Col. F. M. Sterrett.

We also wish to thank the Commander-in-Chief and Staff, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps and her Staff, the National President of the Daughters of Veterans and Staff, National President Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and Staff, for their kind attention to the nurses during the past year.

Commander-in-Chief: I have asked two or three Past Commanders-in-Chief to respond to the greetings from our Army Nurses, but they all expressed themselves as feeling that the response should come from the Commander-in-Chief. We never fought in a wilderness so deep that some of these noble women were not there to nurse the wounded back to life or to close their eyes in death. We never could have won the victories we did had it not been for the noble women back of us; and I want to say that the woman who died of a broken heart back home, because of the death of a loved one on the battlefield, gave her life to her country just as truly as he who died from a rebel bullet.

We will now listen to the greetings to the Grand Army from our Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, which will be presented by Jennie Iowa Berry, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Berry: Commander-in-Chief and friends: I realize fully the hopelessness of making all of this vast audience hear my voice.

However, I greet you all in the spirit of that motto, which is our prime article of faith, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

It is one of the compensations of office that tonight it is my duty, as National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, to acknowledge in behalf of that organization these words of greeting, to assure you of our pleasure and honor in being a part of this occasion and to thank you for the welcome given us.

In acceptance of the invitation of one year ago, and in obedience to that custom by which the Woman's Relief Corps ever pitches her annual tent within sight of that of the Grand Army of the Republic, representatives of our Order are tonight gathered here from north, south and west. They have come into an atmosphere of cordiality; blue seas and blue skies have alike smiled a welcome and the generous hospitality of a people has met and enfolded every "stranger within the gates."

These things, Mr. Chairman, mark Atlantic City as the perfect hostess, and as such the Woman's Relief Corps pays her tribute and with the utmost appreciation thanks her for the welcome she has extended.

From the 164,000 women who wear the insignia of our Order, I bring to you all greetings, good wishes and a Godspeed for your work, whatever that work may be. From our loyal women, whose devotion is untiring, from our soldiers' daughters, who are ever inspired to new efforts by the memory of their fathers, and from the thousands upon thousands of war-wives, war-widows and war-sisters within our ranks, each of us is giving the best that is within her; and we would ask your approbation upon our work for the Grand Army of the Republic and for the cause of patriotism generally.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, within two days the annual reports of our Order will be before you, telling of the magnitude of our year's work, and showing the total amount spent since organization for relief and patriotic purposes to be soaring toward the four-million-dollar mark.

In closing I would say that in the days of grim war, and since, those who compose the Woman's Relief Corps have watched over you, with you, for you. Let me assure you that they are yet "on guard," and will remain on guard until that time shall come when the Great Commander of us all says Rest, and we are ordered for the last time to stack arms.

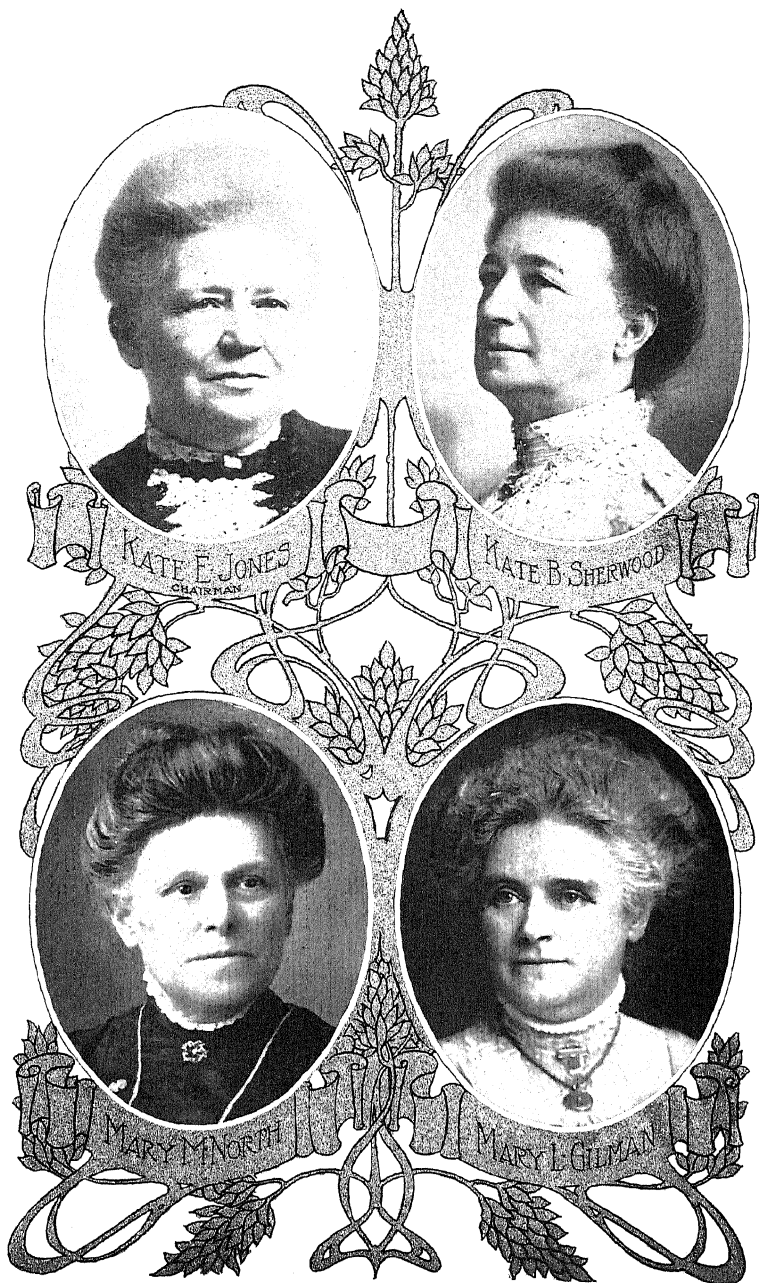
Commander-in-Chief Van Sant: I have requested Past Commander-in-Chief Gen. John C. Black to respond to the greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Gen. John C. Black: I think that the most exquisite picture to be found in scripture is the picture of the woman who came to the Master and offered him the alabaster box. Our modern poet has said:

"This box of alabaster
Which now for Thee I break,
Is filled with priceless ointment, Gracious Master,
Poured for Thy sake."

So these noble members of the Woman's Relief Corps have come forward when the lame, the halt and the blind who wore the blue needed sympathy and bestowed upon them, not alone their many acts of loving-kindness and deeds of charity, but poured upon their bowed heads the priceless ointment of a woman's gratitude, and in behalf of my comrades I wish to thank them.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant. The next number on the program is of great interest to every member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the presentation to the United States Government, by the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, of Andersonville Prison Grounds



COMMITTEE ON
TRANSFER ANDERSONVILLE PRISON PROPERTY

Jennie Iowa Berry, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Commander-in-Chief and friends, one of the great spots of American history, hallowed by sufferings known to America and to the world, the site of Andersonville Prison Pen, is about to pass from the keeping of the Woman's Relief Corps to that of the United States Government, and I have requested the woman who has been instrumental in bringing about the acceptance by the government of this historic and sacred spot to make the presentation, Kate E. Jones, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Kate E. Jones. Commander-in-Chief, veterans of the Grand Army and citizens assembled: Sixteen years ago the Department of Georgia, Grand Army of the Republic, presented to the Woman's Relief Corps a tract of land known as the Andersonville Prison Pen, famous in the history of the Civil War.

The Woman's Relief Corps accepted the gift as a sacred trust, and year after year improved, cultivated and beautified the grounds till the barren desert waste became "a garden of beauty." Five States erected beautiful monuments thereon to the memory of their heroic dead, and far above the highest ground in the "old stockade" the stars and stripes floated in the breeze, seen for miles around.

As the years went on the feeling grew apace among comrades and members of the Woman's Relief Corps that these hallowed grounds should be under care of and belong to the United States Government. On March 27, 1908, I, as National President, in the name of the Woman's Relief Corps, proffered, as a free gift, the Andersonville Prison property to the United States Government. Finally, after some delay, the bill passed the Senate and House of Representatives unanimously, and March 2, 1910, President William H. Taft signed the bill, and it became a law.

Tonight I have the honor to present to the representative, Lewis W. Call, Chief Clerk of Judge Advocate-General George B. Davis of the War Department, the transfer deed of Andersonville Prison property from the Woman's Relief Corps to the United States Government. It is a deed of a battlefield, the battlefield of the greatest mental and physical suffering known in the annals of war, where nearly 14,000 men imprisoned, suffered, starved and died in defence of their country, preferring "death to dishonor."

It is land blessed by God in Providence Spring when

"The prisoners' cry of thirst rang up to Heaven:
God heard and with his thunder cleft the earth
And poured His sweetest water gushing there."

a crystal spring today.

We are proud of our government that it accepts our gift, and will perpetually guard and care for this hallowed spot in honor of "Our Nation's Defenders."

As I surrender to you this deed to the Andersonville Prison property the heart of the Woman's Relief Corps goes with it. Many of us are old, gray-haired "women of the war" that knew of the sufferings of Andersonville. We shall never forget, but continue our gifts to the beautiful rose garden with its wealth of blossoms consecrated to Memorial Day and the graves in Andersonville National Cemetery.

Lewis W. Call: Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: In accepting from you this gift to the government of the hallowed spot which has been your care for sixteen years I feel that it is fitting that it should pass into the hands of the government for whom 14,000 men suffered martyrdom, and especially fitting that it should be placed under the care of the War Department, whose Judge Advocate General has authorized me to accept your donation. I feel sure that your trust will be faithfully executed, that the grounds will ever be held as a memorial of the heroism of the men who there proved themselves the highest type of patriots, that future generations may journey there, and reading the inscriptions upon the monuments you have caused to be erected, honor their memory, and realizing, in a measure, the individual sacrifice and patriotism that were necessary to preserve this nation, be inspired to do their part to keep this a "government of the people for the people and by the people." I thank you in the name of the United States Government for this gift.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant: Mrs. Della R. Henry, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., will now extend to you the greetings of that Order.

Mrs. Della R. Henry: In tender memory of the days when you went forth on the long, hard marches to offer your lives in battle and to endure in camps far from homes and friends weary days of sickness, we, the women bound to you by the ties of blood and marriage, are proud to bring you our greetings and to do you homage. Who is there that shall say that blood is not thicker than water? We realize that in comparison to what you suffered for four years the prowess of every other nation in war fades into insignificance. Had I the silver tongue of an orator I would pay brilliant tribute to your heroism and to the bright stars and stripes of our glorious flag, but I assure you that our hearts are just as loyal to the flag, and we reverence your bravery none the less because I do not at this time pay eulogy to them. We express our devotion in deeds, not words. The more than 50,000 of your comrades who are comfortably housed in homes which we have helped to provide will bear witness to this, and I assure you that when others have grown weary and other eyes may

grow dim, we, the Ladies of the G.A.R., will remain ever true to you so long as life remains in us.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant: The response to this number will be made by Past Commander-in-Chief Stewart. I want to congratulate the audience upon the fact that we are getting along finely, and that so far every one has kept strictly within the time allotted, so that there is a possibility of finishing the program even earlier than I thought.

Past Commander-in-Chief General Stewart: I feel that I voice the sentiments of every Grand Army man here when I say that we fully appreciate the greetings extended us by the patriotic women who have rendered so much assistance, not only during the war, but since. When I look upon the monuments erected upon the battlefields, I often think that there should be one commemorating the sacrifice and devotion of the loyal women who stood by the men on the field of battle and prayed for them in their homes. We would never have been so brave had it not been for the women, who, like the Spartan mothers of old, bade us return victorious or upon our shields. With such women back of us there could be no thought of surrender. We had to be victorious, and I want to say to you that we love you just as much now as we did then.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant: A father is always proud to introduce his children, and I take pleasure in presenting to this audience Mrs. Minnie T. Guittard, National President of the Daughters of Veterans.

Mrs. Guittard: Commander-in-Chief: Knowing that it would be impossible to make myself heard in this large hall I have asked Miss Grace Brock, who has a voice that will be heard, to extend the greetings of the Daughters of Veterans to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Grace Brock: Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic: It is with the greatest regret that I confess that I cannot find words which will adequately express the love and reverence with which I bring to you the greetings of the National Order of the Daughters of Veterans. We love and honor you as we do our own fathers, for you are our own fathers. Added to that homage is a measure of devotion and pride because of your service to your country that led you to carry out and win the battles of '61 to '65, and we trust that we have, in a measure, inherited the same patriotism to help us win the battles of peace that enabled you so successfully to win the battles of war. Our hearts thrill when we recall your bravery upon the field of battle, and we will see to it that our little ones will be able to tell to their children and their children's children the heroic deeds performed by their grandfathers and great-grandfathers, that they may know what it meant to defend the flag and may ever cherish

and defend the banner under which you fought. We are loyal to the heart's core, and count it a greater honor to be your daughters than to have been the children of the proudest monarch who ever ruled over a country in the old world. Theirs is but the nobility of birth, ours is the inherited nobility of worth. I thank you, Commander-in-Chief, for the privilege accorded me of speaking these few words of homage to the men whom we delight to honor, and will ask only a few more moments of your valuable time. Children delight to show their love for their parents by making them gifts, and so tonight I am commissioned to present to you in behalf of the National organization of the Daughters of Veterans this little box containing two hundred and fifty dollars in gold as a slight token of our esteem and love.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant: It is all here, and in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic I thank you. Our permanent fund of \$28,000 has hereby been increased \$250, and I will take care of this box myself in order to be sure that the money gets into the treasury. I have requested Comrade Hann, of the Department of New Jersey, to respond to the greetings from the Daughters of Veterans.

Comrade Hann: My dear daughter, I call you so because your father was a comrade and a soldier, we are proud of the work you are doing, and I urge you to throw wide open your gates and admit not only the daughter of every soldier who is a member of the Grand Army, but the daughters of the 500,000 soldiers who died before the Grand Army was born. The noblest order of women in the world is the Woman's Relief Corps, whose watchword is patriotism, and you can do no better than to follow in their footsteps. Be true to yourselves, true to your mothers and true to your sires. Above all remember that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the nation, and that the future of this government depends upon the ideals which you shall instill into the hearts of your children.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant: We are getting along finely. Now we will receive the greetings from the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, George W. Pollitt.

George W. Pollitt: Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, all affiliated organizations and citizens of Atlantic City: I am here tonight as the representative of 40,000 Sons of Veterans to bring you greetings. We were organized twenty-five years ago to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in every line and direction, and, as the weight of years becomes heavy for them, to take up their work. We know that life was just as sweet, that the comforts of home were just as dear to the men who enlisted in response to Father Abraham as they were to the men who remained at home, and although only a boy nine years old I can remember the rough sledding for those left

at home, the struggle to keep the wolf from the door, and the long nights of anxiety and the daily prayers that ascended to the Throne of Grace for the safe return of those at the front. We boys can appreciate better than any one else, except our mothers, the fortitude with which our fathers, with health impaired, some minus an arm or a leg, took their places after the war as breadwinners, and we pledge you our loyal support. Not only will your heroism be remembered by your sons, but your grandsons and your great-grandsons will see to it that your deeds are remembered so long as this nation exists.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant. I have requested Past Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Burdett to make the response to the greetings from the Sons of Veterans.

General Burdett: My dear, gray-haired young son of a veteran: I am happy to greet you. There was a time when the jealous old fellows of the Grand Army shook their heads over your organization, fearing that you boys had on hand some scheme to supplant them, but we found that it was all right. We have found that you regard it as only the right and proper thing for the Sons of Veterans to lend a hand, to lend to the sightless eyes of the father the brightness of those of the son, and so we have come more and more to lean upon you, and we look to you to take up the details of our work, we look to you to fire the salute over the grave of the last member of the Grand Army, and we look to you to sound the reveille that shall awaken us on the other side to whatever there shall be of good or bad in store for us; for the time is at hand when we realize that we can only look back, not forward, and so to your hands we must commit our work, only asking that you follow in the footsteps that we have trod. And so "we, who are old and about to die, salute you, and we take your hand in ours and crown you with welcome as with flowers."

The next number on the program was the greetings from the Spanish-American War Veterans, which were extended by their National Chaplain, Rev. Robert Arthur Elwood, who throughout the long program had been standing upon the platform holding in his hand a bunch of roses.

Rev. Robert Arthur Elwood said in part: Commander-in-Chief, ladies and gentlemen: It gives me very great pleasure to have the privilege of bringing to you the greetings of the Spanish-American War Veterans. The men who in '98 heard the call and responded were just as loyal to the flag as the men of '61. The men of '76 founded this government, the men of '61 preserved this nation and the men of '98 cemented the Union. The uniform I wear tonight is a testimony to the fact that the blue and gray are united forever. . . .

I don't believe in waiting until a man is dead to place flowers upon his grave. I believe in giving him the flowers while he is living that

he may enjoy their beauty and fragrance, and so, Commander-in-Chief, I hand you this beautiful rose as a token of the respect and reverence in which we hold you and your comrades. . . .

I have a vision of the last Grand Army man standing sadly by the old flag and wondering who will protect it when he is gone. He hears a military tread, and looks to the right and lo! there stands at salute a Spanish-American soldier whose father had worn the blue. He looks to the left and there stands another Spanish-American soldier whose father had worn the Confederate uniform, and these two young men reach out and grasp the staff of the flag and say, "Go in peace, we will protect and defend this flag, for like you it has been baptized in our blood; and we will teach our children and our children's children to honor and defend it so long as life shall last. . . .

And now, I wish to present this rose to the woman who is at the head of the Army Nurses' Association. May God bless them in the nobility of their character. They served their country just as devotedly as did the man who carried a gun, and a sufficient pension should be granted every hospital nurse to keep her in comfort the rest of her days in recognition of the lives she saved by her devoted nursing of the sick and wounded soldiers; . . . and there is another class of women in this land to whom I would bring flowers, the patriotic mothers, whose prayers are ever with us. How often in camp did you repeat

"Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight,
Make me a child again just for tonight!
Mother, come back from the echoless shore,
Take me again to your heart as of yore;
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair;
Over my slumbers your loving watch keep;
Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep!"

How often as you sat eating hard-tack did you long for a taste of mother's cooking, how often when tired and discouraged did you long for a touch of mother's hand upon your brow, how many times in life when confronted by temptation has the thought of mother's prayers restrained you! And so this last flower, this beautiful rose,—how I love you with your rosy petals and fragrant breath,—I pluck to pieces and scatter to the winds in homage to the mothers of this land, even as one of your organizations, on Memorial Day, scatters petals upon the water in memory of those who died at sea.

Now in conclusion I have just a word for the young men who are seated in this audience. Every generation has its own duty to perform, its own legacy to leave to posterity. May I submit that our

duty is, at least, to transmit unimpaired to those who shall succeed us the priceless blessing of civil liberty? Shall it be said by the historian of the future that our strength proved our weakness; that, because there was no external foe, we gave no heed to the corroding influences that were at work upon the pillars of the state? The fathers struggled with monopoly and overcame its power. Are we unable to cope with it when it assumes another form and somewhat different guise? The tyrant of those days denied the equal protection of the laws, denied the right to take part in making of the laws. We have to deal with agencies that would leave the form of self-government to us, but at the same time use their powers for undue and selfish advancement. Those at the foundation of the government who foretold danger based their prophecies upon the history of other nations. They said that wealth would increase mightily, and when it did that corruption would prevail, and that the people would lose their zest for liberty. Let it be our task to prove that a nation may be wealthy, yet its public functions not corrupt, its people not forgetful of their duties. Let us remember that this Republic was founded, not for the purpose of amassing wealth, but for the purpose of elevating manhood and making liberty something more than a name, making freedom a great reality to all men.

"To your grand heritage prove true;
And maintain in its glory-crowned beauty
Our flag forever, the red, white and blue."

Commander-in-Chief: I wish to introduce to you a man whom you all know and love, another corporal, Corporal Tanner.

Corporal Tanner: Mr. Commander-in-Chief: It is a quarter to eleven o'clock and my remarks shall possess the merit of brevity. It is a beautiful scene which confronts me tonight. This beautiful building with its enticing canopy reminds us of the beautiful canopy that so many times was our only covering. Tonight I am supposed to talk to but one man, a man who would pose as a civilian, and yet who is the best loved man in the Grand Army of the Republic. He is the son of New Jersey, and last year traveled, at his own expense, tens and tens of thousand miles in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic, and so when we met in the sight of the eternal Rockies, at Salt Lake City, it was voted to present him with a testimonial to be made of silver, representing his sterling worth. Had we endeavored to represent the purity of his character every atom of this gift would have been of pure gold. So, Henry M. Nevius, in fulfilling the wishes of my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I present you with this chest of sterling silver, to keep in your home as a daily reminder of the esteem in which your comrades hold you; and as you

sip from it potions "sometimes of water, sometimes milk, and sometimes applejack, fine as silk," think of your comrades who will never forget your devotion to them and to our beloved Order, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius: Comrade Tanner and comrades of the Grand Army. I hardly know what to say in reply to the words so kindly spoken. I can't even say I am surprised at this magnificent chest of silver, for when a year ago Corporal Tanner, as Chairman of a Committee which I knew had been appointed, visited me and endeavored to sound me as to what I had rather have, my only reply was that there was a queen in my household, who for forty years had brightened my life, and that what was mine was hers; and by the light that came into his eyes I knew that he felt relieved as to the burden that the loving hearts of my comrades had placed upon him.

There is an old saying that an ounce of taffy is worth a ton of epitaphy. The taffy is entirely agreeable, but I am willing to let the epitaphy wait. For my wife and myself, we accept this magnificent gift. As she has brightened and cherished my life, so I know she will cherish and keep bright this silver, and we will hand it down as a precious heirloom, as an expression of the love of my comrades, a quarter of a million strong. We thank you, we thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant: I wish to thank this audience for the excellent behavior it has maintained all through this lengthy program and the comrades for keeping within the time limit, so that we have not been obliged to omit any number on the program.

The great audience dispersed to music by the band.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Twenty-Eighth National Convention
OF THE
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—THE PRELIMINARY MEETING.

THE Twenty-eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, was called to order in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Ohio and Pacific Avenues, Atlantic City, N.J., at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, September 21, 1910, the National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, presiding.

Palms and flowers were upon the platform, and about the large audience room "Old Glory," its colors carrying instant, patriotic message to the loyal hearts assembled, appeared in profuse, artistic decoration.

Across one side were banners of silk inscribed with the names of the different Departments, and arranged according to seniority of organization, while above the head of the National President and fronting the entire rail of the choir loft there stretched the Headquarters banner of the Woman's Relief Corps, rich in silken yellows and bravery of gold.

The assembly room, Sunday-school room and galleries of the church were filled with members of the Grand Army, of the Woman's Relief Corps and interested citizens. The business of the meeting included the reading of the address of the National President, the announcement of Convention committees, the reference of officers'

reports and a memorial service for members of the Order who had passed away during the year.

National President: Convention will come to order. The opening remarks of your President will be brief. I greet you in the name of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. My Counselor, Lodusky J. Taylor, in the absence of the National Chaplain, will come to the platform and lead us in prayer.

The National Counselor, Lodusky J. Taylor, offered prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank Thee for having given us the privilege of again meeting in annual Convention. We thank Thee for the health and strength that Thou hast given us the past year to work for Thee. We beseech Thee to bless our organization and all homes here represented, bless the Grand Army of the Republic, the Army Nurses' Association and all kindred organizations assembled in this city. Watch over us during the sessions of this Convention that all our legislation may redound to Thine honor and glory. We ask it in the name of Him who has taught us to pray, "Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen."

National President: Color Bearers, attention! Convention, repeat the flag salute.

Convention: I pledge my allegiance to God and my Country, one Country, one Language, one Flag.

Mary M. North National Patriotic Instructor: Mrs. President, the gavel with which you opened the Twenty-eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps is made of wood from historic spots, one of which, so full of sad memories, is inseparably connected with your administration because last night you presented it to the United States Government, a free and unincumbered gift. I refer to Andersonville, once a prison pen, now a beautiful park.

The head of the gavel is made of a piece of the root of the old tree from which gushed out at a critical time, at the behest of the "Great Commander" of men and of nations, Providence Spring, which still gives refreshment to the thirsty.

The handle of the gavel is made from wood from Lookout Mountain, on the field where the "battle above the clouds" was fought.

Accept this little gift from one who has considered it a privilege to serve upon your Staff the past year.

National President: Mrs. North, I thank you. I will value this gavel not only because of its historical worth, but in memory of our official year together. I would also thank you for many other kind-

nesses of the year, and express the hope that no tie between us but the official one may be broken with the week.

National President: In the place of an opening song Miss Donna Elder of Memorial University, Mason City, Iowa, will read two selections.

Miss Elder then was presented to the Convention and read in a pleasing manner "The Blue and the Gray," by Keyser, and "The War-Ship Dixie," by Frank L. Stanton. Both selections were received with warm applause.

National President: The National Secretary will call the roll of officers.

The National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, called the roll of National officers, showing the following officers present: National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; National Senior Vice-President, Fannie D. W. Hardin, Denver, Colo.; National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, Denison, Iowa; National Treasurer Charlotte E. Wright, New Haven, Conn.; National Inspector, Cora M. Davis, Union, Oregon; National Counselor, Lodusky J. Taylor Le Sueur, Minn.; National Instituting and Installing Officer, Marie L. Basham, Des Moines, Ia.; National Patriotic Instructor, Mary M. North Snow Hill, Md.; National Press Correspondent, Margaret Garey Wright Los Angeles, Cal.

Executive Board: Sarah E. Fuller, Life Member, Medford, Mass. Florence O. McClelland, Chairman, Chicago, Ill.; Clara L. Lake, Newport, R.I.

Andersonville Prison Board: Sarah D. Winans, Chairman, Toledo Ohio; Allaseba M. Bliss, Saginaw, Mich.; Sarah E. Fuller, Medford Mass.; Carrie R. Read, Washington, D.C.; Abbie A. Adams, Superior Neb.

National Junior Vice-President, Jennie L. Jones of Salt Lake City Utah, and Lilah D. Lindsay, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Third Member of the Executive Board, came into the Convention soon after roll-call. The only members of the Staff who were not in attendance at the Convention were the Chaplain, Clara L. Campbell of Moscow, Idaho, Cora M. Deputy, Manhattan, Kans., Second Member, and Alice McEwen Fort Worth, Texas, Fifth Member of the Executive Board.

National President: I notice that a number of comrades of the Grand Army are standing in the rear of the church. There are seats in front, and I will ask the ladies to move over so the comrades may be seated.

National President: Will the National Senior Vice-President please take the chair?

National Senior Vice-President, Fannie D. W. Hardin: Ladies, you will please pay close attention to the address of our National President

The National President was greeted with applause, and just as she began to read a brass band in passing drowned the sound of her voice.

National Senior Vice-President: I don't think it right to ask our President to read while there is so much noise, and so will request Convention to stand and sing "America."

At the close of the song the National President resumed the reading of her address.

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ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention:

Once each year the Woman's Relief Corps pauses in *résumé*. Along the path of steady accomplishment it stays its steps, breaks ranks. From the camping ground of a week it casts a retrospective eye over just-traveled roads; examines, polishes the weapons of its warfare.

And always from the achievements of the past and the resources of the present there comes unbounded courage for the future.

A month and a year ago, as we sat under the spell of the spirit of Great Salt Lake, gathering therefrom steadfastness and strength, there came across the plains, valleys and mountains of many leagues the voice of the East in invitation. And so today we are halted in the great playground of a continent, — in it, but not of it; for whether in the golden, rugged West or in the cultured East, whether in the shadows of the eternal mountains or in the fringes of the surf, our Order ever preserves an individuality of its own. Seriousness of purpose runs, like a gleaming, beautiful thread, through its speech, its thought, its work. Ever there is the intent to accomplish. Always there is the quieting responsibility of a great cause.

The year just past has, first of all, been a swift moving year. It has been a year filled with that which must inevitably make up every year of life and work, — many victories, many defeats. Happy is he who, by virtue of his philosophy of life, rises from the one, as well as from the other, the stronger.

It has been a year of labor, in which supreme and never-lessening interest has held me ever closer to our cause; and as with the week the trust which has been mine returns to you, I am glad to say that it is a growing Order which goes back to your keeping.

In the year no great calamity has made demand upon our ever-ready purse and service.

Our official circle remains happily unbroken.

I have been able to give to you twelve months of steady service out of the thirteen which have composed the official term, and during one month of incapacitation my duties and responsibilities were faithfully assumed by the National Senior Vice-President and National Secretary. Athwart the sunshine have fallen some shadows, and upon two Past National Presidents of our Order, whose lives are insepa-

rably woven into the warp of our history, affliction has laid a certain hand. That they are yet spared to us is to be accounted chief among the many blessings that we, as an Order, should today acknowledge to Him whose hand is over all.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Between our Order and the Grand Army of the Republic there has been preserved and strengthened that spirit of perfect cooperation which is so essential to the best work. Admiring its members beyond the men of any other class, bearing in mind their service to their country in the testing times of peace as well as in the trying ones of war, bound to them by many a tie of blood and fraternity, we have striven to manifest our thought in all ways afforded to us.

Everywhere from "the comrades" there have come the assuring word, the warm greeting, the expression of loyalty to us as an Order and an auxiliary, and perfect accord has at all times existed between the administrations of our two great Orders.

The call issued to our Corps in behalf of the Southern Memorial Fund of the Grand Army of the Republic met with eager, quick response. The large sum of \$1,510.15 went from our treasury to that fund, thence upon its way to beautify the graves of the heroes who lie in the South.

The movement to pay dues of delinquent Post members has rapidly grown. Willing hands are engaged, and not only are local Corps helping their Posts along this line, but the "recruiting fund" of some Departments has run into hundreds of dollars. Exact results cannot be reached; but it is enough to know that many a veteran has thereby been reclaimed for his Post and restored again to its influence and comradeship.

Our relationship to the Grand Army of the Republic has ever been one in which all sentiment has been sustained by practical service, and that this may again be demonstrated I offer the two Recommendations which follow:

Recommendation No. 1. That \$1,000 be appropriated from the General Fund and presented to the Grand Army of the Republic for its vested fund.

Recommendation No. 2. That Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1, be amended by adding:

"Any member of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing in his Post may, upon presenting an application made upon regular blanks provided by the Corps and signed by his Post Commander, receive a Visiting Card, signed by the President and attested by the

Secretary, which shall, for the time specified on the card, entitle him to admittance, without the password, to all meetings of the Corps to which his Post is auxiliary."

That any changes in Rules and Regulations and Ritual made necessary by the adoption of this Amendment be made, and that forms for Application blank and Visiting Card now in the hands of the Committee on Rules and Regulations be adopted.

ARMY NURSES.

To no class do we as an Order pay more sincere homage than to the army nurses, the remnant of that courageous and humane band of women who, during the Civil War, enrolled themselves as truly among our country's defenders as though they had marched in the forefront of battle. To them the helping hand of the Woman's Relief Corps is ever extended to aid in beneficial legislation, to save from want or to alleviate distress.

Last year the sum of \$240 was expended by our Order as a Christmas remembrance, divided among twenty-four army nurses. The Twenty-seventh National Convention voted that this year \$20 be presented to each needy army nurse at Christmas time, which instruction has been carried out.

In asking each Department President to name the army nurses of her Department who should benefit by this decision, particular attention was called to the fact that only *needy* ones were expected to receive this gift; but the number of names submitted, with urgent requests for consideration, was so large as to cause the three chief executive officers of the administration many perplexed hours and much consultation. In all, forty-six army nurses were assisted, at a cost to our treasury of \$920, and it must rest with this Convention whether, with this greatly augmented Christmas list, the size of the gift to each remain the same this year.

SONS OF VETERANS AND DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Relations most friendly in character have been maintained with the organizations of Sons of Veterans and Daughters of Veterans.

To these a future people must look for the perpetuation of a line of direct descendants of the men whom we most delight to honor, the men of the Civil War, and it is fitting that the Woman's Relief Corps give them every recognition and encouragement.

The establishment by the Sons of Veterans of Memorial University, magnificent in its possibilities as a monument to their fathers and mothers, is commendable, and patriotic people should everywhere

concede the worth of the undertaking and the value of its message to posterity.

The Daughters of Veterans are devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic and are serving its interests loyally and well, according to numbers and strength.

Both organizations should be regarded by us as valuable allies in the work of patriotism.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

The relationship between the Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary is much like that existing between the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, and due credit should be given the Ladies' Aid for valuable assistance rendered the Sons of Veterans in their work of love for their fathers.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

GROWTH.

As an Order, prosperity attends our steps. An examination of the figures afforded by "Preliminary Reports" will show that organization and growth have been features of the year, that all loss has been met with more gain, and that conditions are such as to give fresh impetus to the work of keeping quality and numbers, in Department and Corps, ever in the ascendant.

I have said it is a "growing" Order which goes from my hands with the close of this Convention. Annual reports show a net increase of seventy Corps over the reports of 1909; the net increase of members in good standing for the year is 3,149; the total membership of the Order has reached 164,255.

DEPARTMENTS.

There are at present thirty-seven Departments, two of which are Provisional. These, with few exceptions, are in a satisfactory condition.

Some, under energetic management and other conditions favorable to growth, show a marked increase in membership and in number of Corps. Along these lines Kansas, New York, Wisconsin deserve special mention, having added this year ten, nine and six Corps respectively.

Last year was discussed in National Convention the injustice of a five-cent tax for Provisional Departments, while regular Departments pay but two, and as a remedy for this condition I offer

Recommendation No. 3. That the tax of Provisional Departments be reduced to two cents per member per quarter.

DETACHED CORPS.

Throughout the year much attention has been given the welfare of Detached Corps. Some of these, despite our endeavors to revive and encourage, remain as they came to us, delinquent and silent; but we have hesitated to take their Charters, realizing our successors may succeed where we have failed. Several delinquent ones have been incited to new activity and are doing good work.

Some, though sadly in need of added strength and reinforcement, have, with fine determination, kept high their standing upon our records. Some have been instituted, only to almost immediately enter into more helpful environment and wider opportunities, as factors in the life of a new Department.

Many letters of encouragement have gone from my office to weak and apathetic Corps. All Detached Corps have been made the especial care of National Secretary and National Inspector, and in this work they have been ably assisted by certain members of the Order, to whom due credit is given in their reports.

FINANCES.

The "Abstract of Expenditures," published each year for the information of our membership, gives the fullest account of the disposal of the funds required to carry on the work of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Although some exceptionally heavy expenses have been incidental to this administration, the "Balance in all Funds" has reached \$21,272.48. Our Treasurer has excelled an already fine record by closing the year ending June 30 with all moneys due from Departments and Corps collected.

Three small special funds have been in the hands of the National President, a statement regarding each appearing elsewhere.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

The work of your National President is a fascinating, many-sided work; one which demands patience, strength, tact; one which by virtue of volume and importance makes an administrator its own to the exclusion of all else. From the early days spent in mastering the multitude of details connected with the management of so large an Order, through the midwinter months when the administration fairly launched, one dreams dreams of organization and works desperately toward their fulfillment, on into the season of springtime travel, to the summer, with its inevitable race against time in the preparations necessary for National Convention, the administrative year is one long procession of swiftly moving events.

The special work in charge of officers, committees and Aide has been well looked after, and the story of it all may be found in their reports, which will well repay close study.

Only through these may a student of our organization gain adequate conception of the amount of painstaking endeavor behind each separate undertaking of the Woman's Relief Corps. Only through these may the parts of the watch be seen one by one; only thus may we "see the wheels go round" in this great mechanism of ours, which we desire may keep time with the music of progress, and which we carefully reset every twelve months, in order that its markings may be true and fine.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The postage bills of the President are the most eloquent witness of the work of her pen. In the year one Roster has been compiled, nine General Orders written. The Presidents of Departments have been three times addressed for "the good of the Order," five questions have been submitted by mail to the Council. More than three thousand five hundred letters were sent from my office in the twelve months ending August 15, many more were written in the ensuing month. All letters of whatsoever kind that have reached Headquarters have been given the courtesy due them.

CONTROVERSIES AND APPEALS.

The many difficulties that arise in an organization of such magnitude have been met and handled with the utmost care of which my Counselor and myself were capable, aided by a conscientious interpretation of our laws.

One case of appeal only has come to my hands. It has been decided strictly in accordance with the laws of the Woman's Relief Corps, which are made for the many, and the restrictions of which must be accepted by each of us, if they are to be respected by our membership as a whole.

ORGANIZATION.

Along the lines of organization steady effort has had its reward in definite results.

In accordance with instructions of the last National Convention, the Provisional Department of Louisiana and Mississippi was disbanded and its Corps organized into two separate Provisional Departments, known as the Department of Louisiana and the Department of Mississippi, each auxiliary to the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, Grand Army of the Republic.

I am happy to say that improved conditions in each have been the result, that both are in good standing, that complaints are infrequent, and that a better spirit seems to prevail among the membership.

Early in the year, by special vote of the Council, an appropriation of \$150 from the General Fund was granted the National President, to be used as an organizing fund for the benefit of the weaker Departments and extension of the work generally. Under direction of the National President, with the concurrence of the National Secretary and National Treasurer, \$70 of this sum has been expended, work in several Departments has been stimulated and a considerable number of new Corps are the direct result of help given from this fund.

A large number of letters have been written in the interests of organization in New Mexico, Arizona and other States. Concerted effort, extending through most of the year, has been made to the end that new Corps might be established in Arkansas, but no definite results can here be reported.

In Utah, shortly after the close of National Convention, was added W. S. Hancock Corps, the organization of which has made possible the new Department of Utah, of which this administration is openly proud.

Down in Florida the flower of the womanhood of the "soldier colony," under the name of L. L. Mitchell Corps, wears, since February 3, the insignia of our Order and is destined to wield an influence for patriotism in that southern section. At the present time certain conditions adverse to the extension of the Order exist in Florida.

By extensive correspondence with our members I have put myself as fully as possible in touch with the situation, and having become convinced that the best interests of the Corps in the State demand it, I have taken active steps to organize the three white Corps of Florida into a Provisional Department. Arrangements to that end are now pending, and if delayed until too late for this administration to complete, I offer

Recommendation No. 4. That the three white Corps of Florida be organized into a Provisional Department.

INSPECTION.

A careful attention to the very important work of inspection is essential to a well-rounded year, and only one who has intimate knowledge of the volume and quality of work required can fully appreciate a successful administration of the affairs of the office of National Inspector.

From the standpoint of such a one I have no hesitation in saying that never has there been more intelligence and interest brought to bear upon the work than this year. The thought of the National

Inspector has especially dwelt upon the needs of Detached Corps, but along all lines the work has been thoroughly done, and her report has some distinctive, helpful features.

PATRIOTIC EDUCATION.

Next in our hearts to our work for the Grand Army of the Republic lies that of patriotic education

Blessed, far-seeing pioneers in this work blazed for us a trail along the line of progress. The trail became a well-defined path, now widened to a broad highway which leads to the goal of good citizenship.

Upon wise and careful traveling will depend, in the years to come, our value as an Order to our country.

The report of your National Patriotic Instructor is in your hands. It abounds in enlightening detail, and only by reading it can you know the magnitude and scope of her work, and estimate results.

To the accustomed presentation of flags, histories of the flag, Declaration of Independence charts, Flag Salute leaflets and holding of patriotic contests there have this year been added the compilation and introduction of the "Patriotic Selections" ordered by last National Convention, the use of which should be encouraged in every Corps.

To the work of bringing about universal observance of Flag Day, Peace and Arbitration Day and the birthdays of great patriots, there has been added in many localities that of protecting, on our nation's birthday, the life and limb of the younger citizens.

Tender hearts in the ranks are urging more thought and time for the work of "humane teaching." The work for universal peace must soon expand to meet the growing sentiment of the times.

Into the public schools of our land the Woman's Relief Corps has carried "Old Glory" and its gospel of good citizenship; now comes a voice, "Let us take them to the Sunday schools."

Thus do we widen the road.

ANDERSONVILLE.

Two years ago you voted that we tender Andersonville Prison property to the Government of the United States. One year ago the Committee chosen to take charge of the work reported its progress; today they come to you with a task completed, deserving your highest appreciation and gratitude for the manner in which their work has been conducted.

House and Senate having voted to accept the property at our hands, there began the slow and careful process of making all in readiness for the transfer. E. B. Stillings, member of Andersonville Prison

Park Advisory Board, visited the property while on a southern trip and submitted sound advice as to needed improvements. Mary M. North, of the Transfer Committee, who later visited the property, sent helpful advice. Sarah D. Winans, Chairman of the Board, spent weeks in personally supervising repairs upon house and grounds, that our gift to the Government might be one of which the Order might be wholly proud. Kate E. Jones, Chairman of Transfer, has looked well after the arduous details of transfer. Kate B. Sherwood, E. B. Stillings, Mary L. Gilman, Carrie R. Read and others have given valuable service. Upon the advice of these workers, and knowing the importance of making no misstep in a matter of such moment, I have taken the responsibility of engaging an attorney in the person of Colonel Thomas S. Hopkins of Washington, D.C., to transact for the Woman's Relief Corps all legal business connected with the transfer, and he has brought the matter to a successful conclusion.

Andersonville Prison site, so long the object of our prideful, careful thought, has passed into hands still more fitting than ours, — those of the Government which the martyrs of Andersonville fought to save; but from our possession of it there is left us the memory of a great work well done.

SOLDIERS' WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

No more efficient champion of the rights of the soldier and his widow can be found than Kate B. Sherwood, who has served us as a representative to secure from Congress favorable legislation as to the pensions of soldiers' widows, yet she again testifies to the futility of all efforts along that line this year.

A perusal of her report will put the members of our Order in intelligent touch with the situation as regards the bill now pending in Congress.

DESECRATION OF THE FLAG.

No object of the Woman's Relief Corps is more praiseworthy and fine than that of the prevention of desecration and abuse of the flag of our country.

Although no national legislation along this line has yet been secured, Committee meetings have been held, the power of the press invoked, sentiment created by the Committee, in charge of the work.

W.R.C. HISTORY.

To the National President has been assigned the distribution of the one hundred cloth-bound copies of Volume II of the history of our Order, comprising the Journals of the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Conventions.

These were sent out to such individuals as were entitled to receive them. Finding that many Departments did not respond to the request of last year — that a leading library of each State be named as the recipient of Volume I — personal letters were sent out under my direction to each Department President, to the end that all Departments are now provided with a copy each of Volumes I and II.

In addition, copies have been by special request supplied to Yale University, Memorial University and to those Departments which maintain permanent Headquarters. By special request also, and after consultation with the National Treasurer, National Journals have been sent from her office to complete files in the libraries of Memorial University and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

DISCIPLINE.

The many protests against present conditions have made apparent the existence of a strong sentiment in favor of restoring to Rules and Regulations a provision for the punishment of those who persistently disobey the laws of the Order, and the "Committee to Consider the Question of Discipline" will submit to you the result of their conclusions.

"HELPMEET."

The need for the compilation and adoption of a "Helpmeet," destined to carefully guide the work of those who occupy the National offices of the Order, becomes year by year more imperative and the report of the Committee having this work in charge will be heard with interest.

NATIONAL AIDES.

Attention is particularly called to the report of Senior National Aide Ida E. Palmer, showing the definite, practical work that has been done by the National Aides this year. You will especially note the recruiting work as shown by the "Roll of Honor," and that to the efforts of these faithful workers may be attributed no small part of the 3,149 members we have added to our roll.

SPECIAL.

MEMORIAL DAY.

[] The preparation for and observance of Memorial Day constitute a work that perhaps lies nearer than any other to the heart of our great Order.

There are those who upon the 30th of May make their only appearance of the year as members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

There are small, weak Corps which live but for the day, with its tender, loving service. Reverent observance has become universal.

Long may it remain as now, — a day on which exalted and lowly alike do homage to the memory of our known and unknown dead.

History, poem and tablet have preserved to us the names and deeds of the known dead who served in the war of 1861 to 1865, but the unknown, "their names are not preserved in song or story, but for them there is a pyramid of national gratitude, . . . a pyramid whose broad base is securely anchored in the hearts of a grateful people where every deed of valor and every noble sacrifice has its imperishable record."

RELIEF.

"Not for self, but for others," is one of the great underlying principles that for twenty-seven years have prospered and blessed the Woman's Relief Corps.

I have told you of much work along many lines, but the work of crowning excellence done by us as an Order is that of ministering to those who are the objects of our kindly care.

One army nurse has been assisted from Headquarters Relief Fund two special cases, situated beyond the jurisdiction of local Corps, are being investigated.

Corps have this year extended relief to the amount of \$101,625.50 and in this giving the splendid record of the past along these lines has been sustained.

IN MEMORIAM.

By the great law of the universe there must be both increase and decrease, and here and there, from National, Department and Corps circles, the Reaper has taken toll of our members.

Sorrow and death have entered the lives of two of our National officers, two Past National officers are gone, eight army nurses are missing from the rolls of earth.

Ten Departments mourn the loss of Past Presidents, a throng of faithful members are missed from local Corps rooms.

These friends we would fain have held; longing eyes vainly followed detaining hands availed not. They have crossed into that land from the border of which baffled, eye, hand and spirit alike turn back. There remains for us but to rise to the heights of resignation, close up ranks and press on in that service for which we are enlisted, taking from the lives of our transported ones the lessons we most need and they best afford.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

To assist Memorial University is a recognized branch of our work. In response to a request from those in authority that a member of the Order be named who should serve, without obligation or expense to us, upon the Board of Regents of Memorial University, I suggested the name of Sarah D. Winans, well known as a friend to the school, who was afterward appointed.

From all sources we have given to the school, for the year ending June 30, the sum of \$1,085.74, or less than one cent for each member in good standing. The offering is not commensurate to our moral, numerical nor financial strength, and it is earnestly hoped that the great expense of maintaining Andersonville property once removed, we may give increased measure of assistance to Memorial University; not only because in so doing we are helping the sons of veterans of the Civil War, but because our work for patriotic education could take no finer direction than giving to the support of an institution in which our boys and girls are taught to be patriotic, not only on holidays, but in their daily walk.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The National Council of Women, that great body with which we have so long been affiliated, has held no meetings this year, and my only work in connection with the organization has been that of suggesting, for each of its standing committees, the name of a member of our Order especially qualified for the duties thereof.

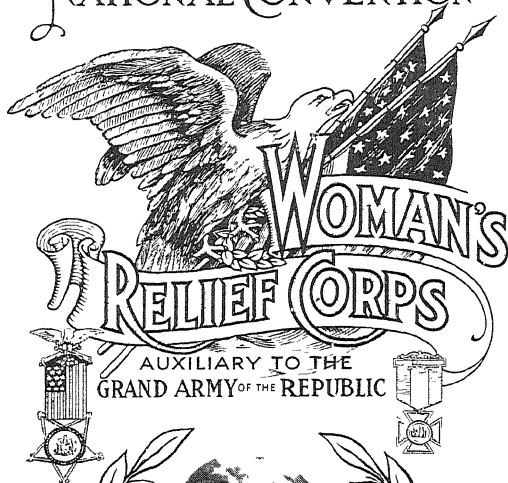
May Wright Sewall of Eliot, Me., has compiled a history of interest to those who would know more of the National Council of Women, its objects and accomplishments.

HOME OF FRANCIS SCOTT KEY.

The movement to save to America, as an historical landmark, the home of the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner," the Francis Scott Key mansion in Washington, D.C., was discussed and indorsed by the Twenty-seventh National Convention and has since, through Journal and General Orders, been kept well before our membership. Although but a small sum has been contributed through National Treasurer, there is reason to believe that the Corps women of the country have given largely and directly to this worthy project. In order that proper credit as an Order be ours in this matter, I offer

Recommendation No. 5. That our continued support be given the movement to preserve the Francis Scott Key Home, and members of the Order encouraged to contribute to the cause through the regular channels.

TWENTY-EIGHTH
NATIONAL CONVENTION



Grenville M. Dodge

ONLY SURVIVING ARMY COMMANDER
WAR FOR THE UNION

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.
SEPTEMBER 22-23-1910

BADGE AND BANNER.

The badge of the Convention bears, surrounded by wreath of laurel, — eagle and flag above, — the portrait of Major-General Grenville M. Dodge, only living Army Commander of the War for the Union.

Concerning the use of his portrait upon the badge of our Convention, General Dodge has written, "I consider it a compliment"; but in wearing the picture of so great a man, let us remember it is we who are most signally honored.

The beautiful satin banner in National colors which has been displayed at Headquarters this week is the outcome of a feeling on the part of the National President, supported by the National Council, that we should have, for occasions such as this, a banner in keeping with that "dignity of the Order" which we always strive to uphold. The design and work, excepting lettering, are to be accorded to National Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Basham, by whom both were given in compliment to the Order.

GIFTS TO THE ORDER.

Some gifts have been received for the Order this year, two of which are hereby given special mention.

For the Southern Memorial Fund, Helen R. Blackmar of Massachusetts graciously contributed the sum of twenty-five dollars.

For Headquarters Relief Fund, a voluntary offering of like amount came from A. C. Sharpe, Colonel 23d United States Infantry, Philippine Islands, accompanying a letter which ends in the following tribute:

"The election of a soldier's daughter, as National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, is an earnest of the high purpose of the Relief Corps to perpetuate and extend its noble work. It is an added element of strength in our National defence, giving assurance to our soldiers of the future that they too, if need be, shall receive your tender ministrations.

"Please accept my sincere congratulations, and also the enclosed contribution to your treasury as a slight token of my affectionate regard. Be assured that the American soldier, even in this far-away Moro land, is ever mindful of your noble endeavors, and finds new inspiration in your loving care."

Sincere thanks have been tendered the donor of each of these gifts, but further recognition on the part of this Convention would be most fitting.

OFFICIAL VISITS AND COURTESIES.

During the year I have attended twelve Department Conventions, twenty-two receptions, fourteen banquets; have visited twelve Department Encampments Grand Army of the Republic, two Encampments Sons of Veterans, one Convention Daughters of Veterans, two Soldiers' Homes, Memorial University, three Corps, the Headquarters of four Departments; have participated in two soldiers' reunions, fourteen camp-fires; have installed officers in seven Departments and two Corps and have been entertained by Corps in eight cities.

Detailed mention of each of these cannot be made, but to those who helped to make each occasion one of delight, long to have a distinctive place in my memory, I offer grateful thanks.

The visit to Memorial University was paid in company with Commander-in-Chief Van Sant, our National Secretary and Instituting and Installing Officer.

The reception tendered by my own Corps in honor of my election was beautiful and elaborate in arrangement, as was also that tendered the National Secretary by her home Corps.

In December, by invitation of Commander-in-Chief Vant Sant, our National Secretary and myself accompanied his Staff to Atlantic City, where many preliminary arrangements were made in anticipation of this Convention.

We were here joined by members of my Staff and prominent members of the Order, the party receiving delightful social attentions from the Atlantic City Committees and citizens.

There followed a two days' hospitable visit at the home of National Treasurer, made in connection with the work of the Order.

One of the rare privileges afforded has been that of visiting Department Conventions in such number as time and conflicting dates permitted. Several of these visits were made in company with Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Van Sant, to both of whom I am deeply indebted for many courtesies. The Conventions have ranged in numbers from thirty delegates to six hundred, and have afforded fine opportunity for the study of membership, accomplishments and conditions in the various Departments. Businesslike methods have characterized each Convention, Department Presidents have had their work well in hand, delegates have shown a sense of responsibility toward the right conduct of the work.

In connection with such visits many gifts were received, receptions and other courtesies tendered, and it is with a profound sense of personal obligation that I acknowledge from all Departments visited a hospitality that left nothing to be desired.

Department Conventions visited were those of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Missouri, Kansas, Kentucky, Ten-

nessee, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Official visits were paid by myself and Secretary to Department officers of Connecticut, Maryland and Potomac, the most delightful hospitality being tendered in each place, and the privilege afforded of meeting many of the membership.

Though unable to be present, I arranged for special representation at the Conventions of Nebraska, Montana, South Dakota, Colorado and Oregon.

It is much regretted that I was unable to accept others of the many invitations, especially those of Maine and Idaho, to each of whose Conventions I made special effort to send a representative, only to meet disappointment at the last.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Difficult, indeed, the task of adequately acknowledging the kindness received from those with whom I have most closely associated, — those who in loyalty and affection have lent frequent helping hands in the work of the year.

The consideration at all times shown myself and Staff by that firm friend of the Woman's Relief Corps, Samuel R. Van Sant, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, deserves acknowledgment in words more eloquent than are at my command.

Adjutant-General George O. Eddy and Chief of Staff Silas H. Towler have each rendered special courtesies.

Official Printer E. B. Stillings, whose eye is ever single to the welfare of our Order, has many times demonstrated his loyalty and has given unlimited helpful service.

Our Vice-Presidents have by their activity set a new standard in their work of office and have done promptly and well the considerable amount of work officially required of them.

Between my Secretary and myself there have existed perfect understanding and accord. The working tie has been a perfect one. Her sound judgment and ripe experience have helped me through the year, and to her my deep appreciation is extended.

Our National Treasurer, from the depths of her long experience, has been ever ready and willing to give in abundance. To her I am indebted for many favors.

To each problem presented for her consideration my Counselor has given much thought and has been a true, careful adviser. Her counsel has been invaluable.

Chaplain, Inspector, Instituting and Installing Officer, Patriotic Instructor and Press Correspondent have been faithful, have brought new methods into their departments of work.

Members of the Council have responded to all requests, acting promptly and well in cases of necessity.

My Chief of Staff has been earnest in the performance of every duty.

Many a valued service has come from National Aides and from our membership at large.

Department Presidents have been quick to coöperate when their help has been invoked for the advancement of the work.

In grateful recognition of the kind acts of all these, I extend sincere thanks and express the hope that, though the official tie between us be severed, the tie of affection may not be broken while life shall last.

CONCLUSION.

“Measure not the work
Until the day’s out and the labor done.
Then bring your gauges.”

The official year is near its close, the charge which you placed with me in its beginning goes back to you; the time for measuring has come.

I have given to the work of the Order the limit of time, strength, thought. As you “bring your gauges,” by them to measure the results of that service, I lay down the work,—gladly, because of its magnitude; reluctantly, because of many yet unrealized possibilities; but withal deeply proud of having been allowed to serve in so high a capacity so great a cause.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF NATIONAL SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, W.R.C.,
DENVER, COLO., July 20, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I hereby submit my report as National Senior Vice-President.

I gratefully acknowledge the honor conferred upon me and upon the Department of Colorado and Wyoming by the members of the Twenty-seventh National Convention at Salt Lake City, and have endeavored to prove myself not altogether unworthy of the high office.

In taking the obligation of office I realized the great responsibility as the second in command of this great body of women, and pledging my support to our National President, have always held myself in readiness to serve her in every possible way.

During the temporary absence from duty of our beloved National President it was my great pleasure to relieve her in some measure of the responsibilities of the office; and however inadequate my service, I was glad of the opportunity to prove my willingness to do all in my power to aid the administration.

On my return from Salt Lake City a reception was tendered to me in recognition of the honor conferred upon our Department by the Department of Colorado and Wyoming in my home city, assisted by the several Denver Corps and Daughters of Veterans, at which the Department officers of both G.A.R. and W.R.C. and many members of both organizations were present.

In deference to my position an invitation was extended to me, and in several instances accepted, to accompany the Department Commander, John W. Wingate, and Department President, Stella A. Kyle, on many of their official visits.

An invitation was received and accepted to represent the National W.R.C. at the unveiling of the tablet to General William J. Palmer, placed by the surviving members of his regiment, the Fifteenth Pennsylvania, in Palmer Hall, the College founded by him at Colorado Springs.

At Christmas time a check was sent me by my Chapter Daughters of 1812, of Colorado, to be used in making Christmas brighter for some needy veterans and their families, and a letter saying they wanted their

donation to be disbursed by the National Senior Vice-President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and thus many hearts were made glad.

I was also invited to make an address at a Lincoln Day anniversary given under the auspices of Colorado Springs Corps No. 4, the largest Corps in the Department, and the home Corps of our Department President, and represented our Order at a banquet given by Denver to visiting delegates of the International Council of Women, and the Memorial Day exercises for the Grand Army, given by the Woman's Club of Denver. In company with Julia E. Killam, Department Inspector, a visit to the Colorado Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Monte Vista was made on the occasion of the presentation of a piece of artillery to the Home, where I had the pleasure of making an address to the comrades living there.

In company with our Department President, Stella A. Kyle, I visited the Black Hawk High School on Arbor Day, where I had the honor of presenting to the superintendent, Professor J. H. Mathews, a storm flag, to float over their schoolhouse, and the Department President presented a framed oleograph of the origin and history of the Stars and Stripes and other patriotic literature furnished by my Corps, George G. Meade No. 6 of Denver, all of which was gratefully accepted for the school by the superintendent. This school is near the continental divide. Invitations were received and accepted to visit several Corps in Colorado. It was also my privilege to install the officers of several Corps at the beginning of the year.

I had the honor of being the guest of my own Department as representative of the National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, at Grand Junction, on the extreme western slope of our State, and tasted the sweets of exalted position in fullest measure in the many courtesies from both G.A.R. and W.R.C. organizations, having the distinguished honor of being the only woman on the program at the G.A.R. camp-fire, finishing my work there by the installation of the newly elected officers of our Order.

In closing this report I wish to thank you, Mrs. President, as well as all members of your official family for their uniform kindness to me, as well as for the letters of sympathy received from members of the Order after the death of my sister. I desire also to thank the several Departments for General Orders and invitations to attend Department Conventions and receptions, and only wish I could have accepted them all.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

FANNIE D. WALTHALL HARDIN,
National Senior Vice-President.

REPORT OF NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, W.R.C.,
231 THIRD E. ST., SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, August 1, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: In compliance with the requirements of our Order I herewith submit my report as National Junior Vice-President for the past year.

With sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by election to this office, I have discharged its duties conscientiously and have endeavored to maintain the dignity and reputation of our esteemed Order.

In compliance with decision of Twenty-seventh National Convention I wrote the War Department to investigate the graves said to be of Union soldiers buried in the Wasatch Mountains, and if they proved to be such, to have them removed to the nearest national cemetery. They wrote me that it was not possible to move them at Government expense, for the reason that there were no funds available for such work. I wrote them again to ascertain if they did not have a record of names and date of death of such soldiers, that I might secure Government headstones. They answered, stating that they had no such record, and sent me an application blank, to be filled out with names of soldiers and date of death, and that they would send me Government headstones free of cost. This I knew, but I was unable to do so as I could find no one who could give me the desired information. It is generally supposed that they are the graves of soldiers belonging to Colonel Albert Sidney Johnson's army, who died in 1858, but I could find nothing definite.

In October I instituted and installed the officers of George R. Hancock Corps No. 6, of Utah.

By appointment from Cora M. Davis, National Inspector, indorsed by National President Jennie I. Berry, I inspected the five Detached Corps of Utah in February and March.

In May I was detailed by our beloved National President to represent her at the Department Convention held in Helena, Montana,

where I was well received, royally entertained and enjoyed a delightful Convention. An added pleasure was accorded me in meeting Commander-in-Chief Van Sant, who showed me many courtesies, and, at his request, I extended greetings from the National W.R.C. to the Department G.A.R. in Convention assembled.

I was much gratified to hear the Commander-in-Chief extol the work of the W.R.C., especially in the West, where assistance and encouragement are so much needed.

On June 11, by order from National President, I organized and installed the elected officers of the new Department of Utah.

The National President requested that I visit the Department of Idaho, held June 28-30. This I was anxious to do, but the Convention was held in the extreme northern part of the State; the distance being so great and expensive, and coming at a time when it was almost impossible for me to leave, I was deprived of this pleasure, for which I was truly sorry.

My grateful acknowledgments and appreciation are extended to the Department of Montana, whose newly elected officers I had the pleasure of installing, for their kind reception and entertainment, and for the beautiful ring with which they presented me; also to Forsythe Corps of Butte, who met me at the train on my way home, took me to the hotel, and tendered me a reception in the evening, presenting me with a souvenir spoon of gold and silver.

To Departments for Journals, Rosters, General Orders and invitations to Conventions and receptions, which distance alone prevented me from accepting, I am very grateful, and particularly to our National President, Mrs. Berry, for the many letters of congratulation and encouragement which she has written me.

I believe that Utah has been the alpha and omega the past year, having I think the honor of organizing the first Corps and the last Department.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

JENNIE LILLIAN JONES,
National Junior Vice-President, W.R.C.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

OFFICE OF NATIONAL SECRETARY, W.R.C.,
DENISON, IA., July 25, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,

National President, W.R.C.

Madam: In compliance with the rules governing the Woman's Relief Corps, I submit to you, and through you to the Twenty-eighth National Convention, my report as National Secretary, showing in part the condition of our Order and the work accomplished during the year.

In accepting this responsible position, I did so with a full understanding that with the honor there was work that would require all my time; this I have cheerfully given—the salary allowed has paid for the time. The work has been a pleasure, and if possible I have learned to love the Order better.

Interest in the object of the Woman's Relief Corps is increasing, as letters received indicate enthusiasm all along the line.

COMMUNICATIONS.

There have been issued nine General Orders, five Circular Letters, two Charters to Detached Corps, two Charters to Provisional Departments, one Charter to the Department of Utah.

One National Password, 510 Commissions, Election Returns to Departments and Detached Corps, Report Blanks for four quarters, receipts for *per capita* tax, and Credential Cards to National officers.

This is a small part of the correspondence sent out from this office during the year.

I have replied to all letters received, have written many to the Detached Corps for encouragement, and trust they may be productive of good in the future.

DETACHED CORPS.

Two Detached Corps have been organized during the year. W. S. Hancock, No. 6, Salt Lake City, Utah, was instituted October 14, 1909, by Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President, being de-

tailed by the National President to institute the Corps and install the officers; membership of Corps, twenty-four; President, Ellen A. Short; charter issued November 18, 1909.

L. L. Mitchell, No. 12, St. Cloud, Florida, was instituted February 3, 1910, with a membership of fifty, Dr. Orpha D. Bruce, Past National Senior Vice-President, being detailed to institute the Corps and install the officers. Mary F. De Graw was elected President; the Corps now numbers seventy-five.

Flucher, No. 3, North Carolina, was delinquent two years. They had not disbanded nor returned the Charter and supplies; they asked to be reinstated, and it was considered best for the interests of the Post to which they are auxiliary to reinstate them. They have paid dues on twenty-two members, and start in with good prospects.

To Amelia F. Colgan, Past National Junior Vice-President, much credit is due for valuable work done in the Departments of Virginia and North Carolina. She is a help that but few could be; the reports show a marked improvement, owing to her instructions.

The following Corps have not reported during the year; were delinquent when I assumed the duties of my office, and have been written to twice:

B. C. Lincoln, No. 2, Florida.

Carleton, No. 2, New Mexico.

Lincoln, No. 5, Virginia.

A letter lately received from B. C. Lincoln, No. 2, Key West, tells of the loss of Charter during a storm. The writer expresses a willingness of the members to go to work again, if a new Charter could be granted. I have written for particulars and, if possible, a list of Charter members' names, and hope the Corps may yet be saved to the Order.

A. W. Dodge, No. 5, Department of Maryland, with a membership of thirty-six, united with the Department during the quarter ending September 30, 1909, leaving one Detached Corps in the Department of Maryland.

PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS.

Recommendation No. 3, presented by Mary L. Gilman, Past National President, to the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention:

That the Provisional Department of Louisiana and Mississippi be abolished, and the States of Louisiana and Mississippi be organized into separate Provisional Departments. This, on vote of Convention, was adopted.

Soon after Convention, the National President proceeded to regularly organize these Provisional Departments.

Mississippi, with thirteen Corps and membership of two hundred and forty-six, was organized December 18, 1909, by Josephine C. C.

Shelton of Natchez, Miss., being detailed by the National President to install the officers. National President appointed as Provisional Department President, Eleanor D. Washington of Natchez, Mississippi.

Louisiana, with twenty-three Corps and membership of three hundred and thirty-four, was organized December 27, 1909. National President detailed Selina B. Gray, Past Provisional Department President, to install the officers. National President appointed as Provisional Department President of Louisiana, Josephine B. Lewis of New Orleans, Louisiana.

DEPARTMENTS.

May 31, 1910, the five Detached Corps of Utah made application for Department Charter. National President deemed it for the best interests of the Order and Grand Army of the Republic to grant a Charter to this Department.

A call was sent each Corps to elect delegates and meet in Convention at Salt Lake City, Utah, June 11, 1910, to organize and elect Department officers. Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President, was detailed to organize the Department and install the officers.

The Convention elected Martha M. Campbell, Department President.

Election returns received at this office June 15. Charter issued June 21, 1910.

The tabulated report on the following pages will show the correct standing of the Order for the year ending June 30, 1910.

TABULATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY, W.R.C., FROM JUNE 30, 1909, TO JUNE 30, 1910.

SHOWING NUMBER OF CORPS AND MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.

DEPARTMENTS.	June 30, 1909.		Sept. 30, 1909		Dec 31, 1909.		March 31, 1910		June 30, 1910		Net gain since June 30, 1909.		Net loss since June 30, 1909	
	Corps.	Members	Corps	Members	Corps	Members	Corps	Members	Corps	Members	Corps.	Members	Corps.	Members
California & Nevada.	58	5198	62	5476	63	5422	63	5559	61	5559	3	361	...	...
Colorado & Wyoming	36	2020	38	2037	43	2144	43	2215	42	2146	6	126	...	...
Connecticut.....	47	3091	47	3112	47	3151	47	3175	49	3276	2	155	...	...
Idaho.....	13	560	12	544	14	591	13	593	12	554	...	...	1	6
Illinois.....	221	11744	218	11681	220	11882	218	11907	221	11917	...	233	...	...
Indiana.....	148	6814	147	7052	145	7004	152	7261	143	6924	...	5	110	...
Iowa.....	210	10539	211	10571	212	10609	212	10777	206	10605	...	66	4	...
Kansas.....	150	7323	147	7240	144	7128	151	7426	148	7308	...	2	15	...
Kentucky.....	12	564	10	535	12	573	20	766	14	630	2	66	...	...
Maine.....	55	2346	57	2368	55	2303	62	2573	62	2612	7	266	...	...
Maryland.....	14	463	15	479	15	473	15	501	16	522	2	59	...	...
Massachusetts.....	173	14836	173	14685	173	14824	172	14872	172	14944	...	108	1	...
Michigan.....	187	8676	190	8940	195	8392	202	8539	199	8493	12	...	183	...
Minnesota.....	76	4357	88	4616	93	4760	92	4862	95	4996	19	639	...	...
Missouri.....	47	1790	46	1824	48	1865	45	1834	46	1810	...	20	1	...
Montana.....	9	393	8	381	9	391	9	369	10	406	1	13	...	...
Nebraska.....	92	3315	88	3279	96	3361	90	3260	88	3247	...	4	68	...
New Hampshire.....	66	3579	66	3625	67	3645	66	3682	67	3738	1	159	...	...
New Jersey.....	22	664	20	620	17	584	23	667	20	644	...	2	20	...
New York.....	220	9959	218	9891	221	10132	223	10222	215	10027	...	138	5	...
North Dakota.....	13	576	11	584	11	561	15	555	12	575	...	...	1	1
Ohio.....	191	12412	214	12050	229	12425	223	12250	207	11938	16	...	474	...
Oklahoma.....	25	826	30	896	34	1021	29	943	34	1281	9	455	...	...
Oregon.....	36	1673	38	1682	37	1650	39	1703	34	1709	...	36	2	...
Pennsylvania.....	79	2782	95	3248	90	3145	94	3240	88	3096	9	314	...	...
Potomac.....	9	630	9	628	9	595	9	574	9	583	...	...	47	...
Rhode Island.....	15	780	15	776	15	759	15	757	15	739	...	...	41	...
South Dakota.....	39	1427	42	1489	41	1552	42	1528	36	1393	...	3	24	...
Tennessee.....	7	127	5	171	5	151	6	153	5	91	...	2	36	...
Texas.....	5	220	4	167	3	102	5	189	6	244	1	24	...	...
Utah.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	352	1	24	...	...
Vermont.....	64	2620	65	2656	65	2665	65	2714	65	2746	1	126	...	...
Washington & Alaska	59	2857	58	2833	61	2903	59	2893	56	2731	...	3	126	...
West Virginia.....	10	288	8	298	10	321	10	326	8	296	...	8	2	...
Wisconsin.....	140	6705	145	6844	144	6921	146	7040	146	7146	6	441	...	...
PROVISIONAL DEPTS.	Org. as a Dept. June 11, 1910													
Louisiana.....	21	456	17	691	*18	334	...	...	16	335	...	...	...	...
Mississippi.....	...	...	...	...	9	246	11	303	10	310	...	...	...	...
Total Departments..	2569	132640	2617	133989	2668	134583	2686	136318	2638	135943	88	3867	38	1151
DETACHED CORPS.														
Arizona.....	1	39	2	60	2	60	2	61	2	62	1	23	...	...
Arkansas.....	4	93	3	89	4	90	4	89	4	96	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	2	49	3	108	3	78	4	139	5	187	3	138	...	...
Georgia.....	3	130	3	132	3	130	3	129	3	130	...	...	...	...
Louisiana.....	1	37	1	37	1	37	1	29	1	31	...	...	...	...
Maryland.....	2	100	1	62	1	52	1	55	1	55	...	1	45	...
New Mexico.....	2	109	3	117	3	118	3	126	3	122	1	13	...	...
North Carolina.....	3	131	3	138	3	139	3	145	4	170	1	39	...	...
South Carolina.....	3	98	3	108	3	103	4	112	4	112	1	14	...	...
Tennessee.....	4	73	3	53	3	52	2	36	3	46	...	1	27	...
Utah.....	4	318	4	329	4	322	5	356	...	...	...	5	356	...
Virginia.....	10	314	11	383	12	374	12	385	10	326	...	12	...	...
Total Detached Corps	39	1491	40	1616	42	1555	44	1659	40	1337	7	242	7	434
Total Departments	2569	132640	2617	133989	2668	134583	2686	136318	2638	135943	88	3867	38	1151
Total Detached Corps	39	1491	40	1616	42	1555	44	1659	40	1337	7	242	7	434
Grand Total	2608	134131	2657	135605	2710	136138	2730	137977	2678	137280	95	4109	45	1585

* Organized as separate Provisional Departments December, 1909.

SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1910.

Total in good standing June 30, 1910	2,678 Corps	137,280 members
Total in good standing June 30, 1909	2,608 Corps	134,131 members
Net gain in Corps.....	70 Corps	
Net gain in membership.....		3,149 members

Tabulated Report of Expenditures for Relief, reported by Departments and Detached Corps, from June 30, 1909, to June 30, 1910:

DEPARTMENTS	Cash Expended for Relief	Turned over to Posts	Relief other than money	Total Relief
California and Nevada..	\$3,049 49	\$389 05	\$2,095.50	\$5,534.04
Colorado and Wyoming.	1,315 34	242 20	1,615 85	3,173 38
Connecticut.....	1,227 53	631 64	769 41	2,628 58
Idaho	71 95	53 44	157 20	282 59
Illinois..	3,391 07	4,413 11	72,666 10	15,270 28
Indiana..	3,542 65	755 40	2,272 25	6,570 30
Iowa.....	1,800 67	981 43	3,404 16	6,186.26
Kansas..	1,395 61	877 20	2,455 20	4,728 01
Kentucky..	275 82	55 25	81 90	412 97
Maine.....	383 01	385 37	483 32	1,251 70
Maryland.....	122 81	175 64	70 95	359 40
Massachusetts..	6,987 24	8,950 47	2,020 00	17,966.71
Michigan....	1,425 56	1,028 62	4,001 24	6,455 42
Minnesota....	2 173 45	1,038 92	5,862 33	9,074.70
Missouri.....	356 19	199 20	973 39	1,528 78
Montana.....	238 65	4 00	79 00	121.65
Nebraska.....	477 78	555 20	861 77	1,894 75
New Hampshire..	601 48	1,413 08	353 94	2,268 50
New Jersey....	86 18	224 77	190 60	501 55
New York....	3,584 07	2,342 66	4,079 02	12,005 75
North Dakota..	157 58	214 50	31 05	403.13
Ohio.....	4,318 00	1,842 32	5,335 76	11,496.08
Oklahoma....	165 62	175 86	841 55	1,183 03
Oregon.....	212 01	161 85	735 90	1,109.76
Pennsylvania..	1,551 83	814 67	1,239 10	3,625 66
Potomac.....	369 34	69 15	474 30	912.79
Rhode Island..	152 19	152 00	122 67	426.86
South Dakota.....	213 56	325 38	399 25	938.19
Tennessee.....	64 30	127 12	37 53	228 95
Texas.....	27 45	50 00	10 80	88 25
Utah.....	112 30	26 00	162 60	300.90
Vermont.....	649 17	670 25	254.63	2,174 05
Washington and Alaska...	1 517 93	341.39	631 37	2,490 69
West Virginia.....	123 06	103 30	113 00	339 36
Wisconsin.....	2,268.15	1,040 20	4,546.50	7,854 85
PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS				
Louisiana.....	269 00	102 15	155.25	526 40
Mississippi.....	172 95	23.00	...	195.95
Total Departments..	\$54,704 45	\$30,964 79	\$46,050.98	\$131,720 22
DETACHED CORPS.				
Arizona.....	\$0 30	\$3 00	\$3.70	\$16 00
Arkansas.....	28 05	9 00	..	37.05
Florida.....	42 50	6 00	52 15	100.65
Georgia.....	8 31	..	6 00	14.31
Louisiana.....	..	..	..	..
Maryland.....	33 73	..	48 00	81.73
New Mexico.....	10 50	..	6.00	16.50
North Carolina..	45.80	8 00	10 33	64 13
South Carolina.....	40 00	6 00	..	46 00
Tennessee.....	1.00	..	1.00	2 00
Virginia.....	363.06	41.51	160.64	565.21
Total Detached Corps.....	\$582 25	\$73 51	\$287 82	\$943.58
Total Departments.....	\$54,704.45	\$30,964.79	\$46,050.98	\$131,720.22
Total Detached Corps.....	582.25	73 51	287 82	943.58
Grand Total....	\$55,286.70	\$31,038.30	\$46,338 80	\$132,663 80

TABULATED REPORT of Financial Standing, W.R.C., June 30, 1909;
also number of beneficiaries from June 30, 1909, to June 30, 1910:

DEPARTMENTS.	General Fund on hand	Relief Fund on hand	Soldiers as- sisted.	No in sol- diers' fami- lies assisted	Members as- sisted	No. in mem- bers' families assisted.	Total assisted
California and Nevada.....	\$5,949 01	\$2,115 62	213	544	149	450	1,356
Colorado and Wyoming	2,093 24	1,013 03	122	411	195	152	880
Connecticut.....	8,378 56	1,567 16	117	333	192	240	882
Idaho	544 69	167 53	4	22	10	1	37
Illinois.....	15,720 71	3,537 94	640	1,427	333	428	2,828
Indiana.....	7,327 43	3,074 28	395	1,136	167	194	1,892
Iowa.....	9,797 22	3,114 04	406	1,086	202	256	1,950
Kansas.....	3,107 41	1,487 21	266	525	238	209	1,238
Kentucky.....	223 16	114 05	14	43	59	12	128
Maine.....	2,095 38	1,399 93	27	72	43	41	183
Maryland.....	539 44	135 59	86	54	53	60	253
Massachusetts.....	23,324 39	11,986 38	497	1,273	544	594	2,908
Michigan.....	15,370 23	2,029 78	242	568	322	311	1,443
Minnesota.....	2,803 59	3,314 49	363	683	248	476	1,770
Missouri.....	2,571 61	653 39	45	144	139	70	398
Montana.....	356 98	96 40	13	26	7	16	62
Nebraska.....	2,397 10	276 25	70	128	81	50	329
New Hampshire.....	6,582 23	2,153 37	47	86	61	41	235
New Jersey.....	830 68	313 87	37	35	25	17	114
New York.....	11,049 66	2,640 31	741	1,598	502	466	3,307
North Dakota.....	1,480 36	76 04	5	5	5	10	10
Ohio.....	12,679 67	2,869 52	739	2,040	345	438	3,562
Oklahoma.....	1,127 47	298 93	30	51	15	21	117
Oregon.....	1,219 82	463 55	104	99	55	64	322
Pennsylvania.....	1,796 43	981 18	157	180	68	53	458
Potomac	359 77	133 19	61	63	28	50	202
Rhode Island.....	1,116 90	266 79	13	44	31	15	103
South Dakota	2,466 42	440 56	26	42	45	47	160
Tennessee.....	111 45	6 42	5	25	5	7	42
Texas.....	133 00	37 98	5	20	..	..	25
Utah.....	542 36	170 57	25	34	8	21	88
Vermont.....	5,077 47	1,309 41	99	231	152	182	664
Washington and Alaska.....	2,382 54	762 59	50	70	28	62	210
West Virginia.....	223 46	62 84	16	44	5	7	72
Wisconsin.....	7,577 28	1,559 88	352	468	234	406	2,460
PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS							
Louisiana.....	436 00	31 25	..	..	..	..	..
Mississippi.....	59 40	83 10	129	106	74	..	309
Total Departments....	\$159,852 52	\$50,744 42	6,161	4,711	14668	5,457	30,997
DETACHED CORPS.							
Arizona.....	\$73 25	\$30 00	..	2	5	2	9
Arkansas.....	108 95	4 80	..	9	6	..	32
Florida.....	69 24	6 40	17	..	..	..	8
Georgia.....	94 36	14 55	4	4	..	..	..
Louisiana.....	18 80	10 00	..	..	..	..	..
Maryland.....	24 91	9 70	4	12	..	..	16
New Mexico.....	27 33	5 00	8	15	3	2	28
North Carolina.....	5 38	1 00	38	63	48	11	160
South Carolina.....	134 70	12 38	49	28	49	20	146
Tennessee.....	138 93	11 41	8	..	1	..	9
Utah.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Virginia.....	587 54	96 66	69	54	94	43	260
Total Detached Corps. ...	\$1,283 39	\$201 90	197	187	206	78	668
Total Departments....	\$159,852 52	\$50,744 42	6,161	4,711	14668	5,457	30,997
Total Detached Corps.....	1,283 39	201 90	197	187	206	78	668
Grand Total.....	\$161,135 91	\$50,946 32	6,358	4,898	14874	5,535	31,665

RECAPITULATION.

SHOWING GAINS AND LOSSES IN MEMBERSHIP.

Members in good standing June 30, 1909		134,131
Gained by charter in Departments	1,513	
Gained by charter in Detached Corps	74	
Total gain by charter		1,587
Gained by initiation in Departments	12,227	
Gained by initiation in Detached Corps	134	
Total gain by initiation		12,361
Gained by transfer in Departments	1,271	
Gained by transfer in Detached Corps	13	
Total gain by transfer		1,284
Reinstatement from suspension in Depts.	7,560	
Reinstatement from suspension in Detached Corps.	24	
Total gain from suspension		7,584
Reinstatement from dropped in Depts	1,077	
Reinstatement from dropped in Detached Corps	7	
Total gain from dropped		1,084
Gained by delinquent reports in Depts.	11,268	
Gained by delinquent reports in Detached Corps	214	
Total gain from delinquent reports		11,482
Total gain from all sources		35,382
Aggregate		169,513
Loss by death in Departments	2,285	
Loss by death in Detached Corps	32	
Total loss by death		2,317
Loss by honorable discharge in Depts.	2,883	
Loss by honorable discharge in Detached Corps	11	
Total loss by honorable discharge		2,894
Loss by transfer in Departments	2,002	
Loss by transfer in Detached Corps	25	
Total loss by transfer		2,027
Loss by suspension in Departments	13,416	
Loss by suspension in Detached Corps	80	
Total loss by suspension		13,496
Loss by dishonorable discharge in Depts.	47	
Loss by dishonorable discharge in Detached Corps	0	
Total loss by dishonorable discharge		47
Loss by delinquent reports in Departments	11,296	
Loss by delinquent reports in five Detached Corps	156	
Total loss by delinquent reports		11,452
Aggregate		32,233
Members in good standing June 30, 1910		137,280

Members in good standing June 30, 1910 .		137,280
Members transferred .	2,027	
Members suspended .	13,496	
Members, delinquent reports	11,452	

Total members not reporting . . .		26,975
Total membership June 30, 1910 . . .		<u>164,255</u>

Number of Corps reporting in Departments	2,638	
Number of Corps reporting in Detached Corps	40	
Number of Corps delinquent in Departments .	198	
Number of Corps delinquent in Detached Corps	6	
Total number of Corps June 30, 1910		<u>2,882</u>

SHOWING ACTUAL NET GAIN OF MEMBERSHIP AND CORPS

Total membership June 30, 1910	164,255	
Total membership June 30, 1909 .	161,646	
Total gain in membership .		2,609
Total Corps June 30, 1910	2,882	
Total Corps June 30, 1909	2,865	
Total gain in Corps		<u>17</u>

SHOWING ACTUAL NET GAIN OF MEMBERS AND CORPS IN GOOD STANDING

Members in good standing June 30, 1910 .	137,280	
Members in good standing June 30, 1909 .	134,131	
Net gain membership in good standing		3,149
Corps in good standing June 30, 1910	2,678	
Corps in good standing June 30, 1909	2,608	
Net gain Corps in good standing		<u>70</u>

SHOWING AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR RELIEF.

Expended for relief in Departments	\$54,704.45	
Expended for relief in Detached Corps	582 25	
Total cash expended for relief		\$55,286 70
Amount turned over to Posts in Departments .	\$30,964.79	
Amount turned over to Posts in Detached Corps .	73 51	
Total turned over to Posts		31,038.30
Amount of relief other than money in Departments .	\$46,050.98	
Amount of relief other than money in Detached Corps	287.82	
Total amount other than money		46,338.80
Total amount of relief during the year as above .		<u>\$132,663.80</u>

SHOWING AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR MEMORIAL DAY AS REPORTED BY
NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Expended for Memorial Day by Departments	\$12,836 24	
Expended for Memorial Day by Detached Corps	239.95	
Total amount expended for Memorial Day .		<u>\$13,076 19</u>

GENERAL SUMMARY TO JUNE 30, 1910.

Number of Departments	32
Number of Provisional Departments	2
Number of Corps	2,885
Number of Members	164,255

Amount expended in relief	\$55,286 70
Amount cash turned over to Posts	31,038 30
For relief other than money	46,338 80

Total expended as above \$132,663 80

For Memorial Day	\$13,076 19
For Southern Memorial Fund	1,510 15
For Army Nurses	920 00
For Memorial University	1,085 74
For Army Nurses, Headquarters Relief Fund	50 00
	<u>16,642 08</u>

Total amount expended for Relief, Memorial Day, etc., as above during the year \$149,305 88

Balance in General Funds of Corps	\$161,135 91
Balance in Relief Funds	50,946.32

Total in General and Relief Funds of Corps \$212,082 23

Total number of persons assisted 31,665

Total amount expended for Relief and Memorial Day, etc., since organization to June 30, 1909	\$3,577,504 07
Total amount expended for Relief and Memorial Day, etc., for year ending June 30, 1910.	<u>149,305 88</u>

Total amount expended for Relief and Memorial Day, etc., since organization \$3,726,809.95

The National Treasurer's report shows cash balances,
June 30, 1910:

In General Fund	\$10,761.85
In all other Funds	10,510.63

Total cash in all Funds \$21,272 48
Supplies valued at 5,994.70

Total assets \$27,267.18

LIABILITIES, NONE

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF DELINQUENT CORPS AS
REPORTED BY DEPARTMENTS.

DEPARTMENTS.	NO. OF CORPS.
California and Nevada	4
Colorado and Wyoming	3
Connecticut	None
Idaho	3
Illinois	None
Indiana	12
Iowa	8
Kansas	15
Kentucky	6
Maine	1
Maryland	None
Massachusetts	None
Michigan	15
Minnesota	1
Missouri	1
Montana	None
Nebraska	21
New Hampshire	None
New Jersey	3
New York	19
North Dakota	4
Ohio	19
Oklahoma	13
Oregon	5
Pennsylvania	15
Potomac	None
Rhode Island	None
South Dakota	12
Tennessee	1
Texas	None
Utah	None
Vermont	2
Washington and Alaska	6
West Virginia	2
Wisconsin	2
PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS.	
Louisiana	6
Mississippi	None
Total	199
Detached Corps	5
Total	204



yours Faithfully
Georgia Wade McCallan

TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

I will repeat what my predecessors have advised:

Department Presidents, the importance of examining quarterly reports before affixing their signatures; by so doing much time and postage would be saved to Departments and National.

Department Secretaries, when reporting delinquent Corps, should always report number of members included in delinquent Corps so reported.

Department Treasurers, in some instances, have been unable to understand that *per capita* tax must be paid on members reinstated from delinquent reports, both for the quarter or the quarters in which they have been delinquent. Also for the one in which they have been reinstated as well. By closely studying fine print on report blanks, this can be understood, *per capita* tax must be paid before delinquent Corps can be reinstated.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

By invitation of the National President, I accompanied her on an official trip to Atlantic City in December to arrange for Convention. The two days spent there were filled with business, such as selecting Headquarters, Church to hold Convention in, and place for Reception, all taking time and judgment.

The Woman's Relief Corps and Citizens' Committee made our stay pleasant.

From Atlantic City we went to New Haven to visit the office of the National Treasurer, spending two busy days of work; there we met two members of the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations, also the official printer, E. B. Stillings. Many questions for improvement of the work were discussed by the Committee. An inspection of the office proved that a National Treasurer of the W.R.C. must be a woman of methods, our Treasurer being equal to the duties.

On the return trip we made official visits to the Departments of Maryland and Potomac. In each case we were delightfully entertained, thanks to one and all.

The National President honored me by detail to represent her at the Department Conventions of Nebraska and South Dakota. These neighboring Departments to my own "Iowa" are doing good work. Harmony, the keynote to happiness and success, is with these Departments, and it was good to be there.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I wish to thank the Presidents and officers of the several Departments for kindness and consideration shown me, and cordial invitations received to attend Conventions and many social functions.

For General Orders received and tokens of remembrance. All will be cherished in future years as one of love.

For our National Treasurer I have nothing but words of praise. she has been prompt in our work together, not one act of impatience, always the same pleasant Charlotte.

My relations with the other National officers have been very pleasant, and I cheerfully bear testimony to their faithfulness to the duties assigned them.

E. B. Stillings, the official printer of the Woman's Relief Corps, has been to me a helper indeed, always on the watch that work, coming under his care, is promptly done; and to him we owe much for the progress made each year. He has my thanks and appreciation for kindness shown. Our working together for the Order will be a pleasant memory.

And to you, dear President, whom it has been my honor to serve. I give my sincere thanks for the appointment as National Secretary, and the confidence it implies. Your patience and thoughtfulness I appreciate.

We have worked together for the interests of the Order we love. I have tried to perform the duties of the office in a conscientious manner. If I have pleased you, my efforts have not been in vain.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN.

National Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER

OFFICE OF NATIONAL TREASURER, W.R.C.,
NEW HAVEN, CONN., July 1, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam. I have the honor to submit herewith a financial statement for the year ending June 30, 1910.

CHARLOTTE E. WRIGHT, *National Treasurer, in account with the*
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance in General Fund, June 30, 1909 . . .	\$10,912.12	
Received from sale of supplies	12,386.44	
Received from <i>per capita</i> tax	11,386 20	
Received from sale of salute flags at Twenty-seventh National Convention	8.15	
Received from Nettie McGowan, balance of Patriotic Instructor's allowance	34.43	
Received from Mary L. Gilman, balance in Headquarters Fund	18.25	
Received from express company	7.50	
Received from interest on deposits	317.78	
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Total receipts		\$35,070.87

Cr.

By expenditures as per abstract	\$22,389.02	
By gift to the Grand Army of the Republic . .	1,000.00	
By Christmas gift to army nurses, \$20.00 each .	920.00	
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Total expenditures		24,309.02
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Balance in General Fund, June 30, 1910 . .		\$10,761.85
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RELIEF FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1909	\$270.14	
Received from all sources	75.00	
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Total receipts		\$345.14

Cr.

By transfer to Eunice H. Vipond, army nurse .		50.00
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Balance in Fund, June 30, 1910		\$295.14
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SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1909	\$320.88	
Received from all sources	1,202.77	
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Total receipts		\$1,523.65

Cr.

By transfer to Quartermaster-General, G.A.R..	\$1,503.15	
By transfer to Amelia F. Colgan	7.00	
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		1,510.15
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Balance in Fund, June 30, 1910		\$13.50
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ANDERSONVILLE PERMANENT FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1909	\$5,759.26	
Received from all sources	252.70	
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Total receipts		\$6,011.96

Cr.

Balance in Fund, June 30, 1910		\$6,011.96
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EMERGENCY FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
Balance on hand June 30, 1909	\$4,027.35
Received from all sources	162.68
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Total receipts	\$4,190.03
<i>Cr.</i>	
Balance in Fund, June 30, 1910	\$4,190.03
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MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
Received from all sources	\$1,085.74
<i>Cr.</i>	
By transfer to President Memorial University	\$1,085.74
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FRANCIS SCOTT KEY MEMORIAL HOME FUND.

<i>Dr.</i>	
Received from all sources	\$10.98
<i>Cr.</i>	
By transfer to Charles H. Weisgerber, Manager	\$10.98
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SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

*General Fund	\$10,761.85
*National Headquarters Relief Fund	295.14
*Southern Memorial Fund	13.50
Andersonville Permanent Fund.	6,011.96
Emergency Fund	4,190.03

Total cash in all Funds, June 30, 1910 . .	<u>\$21,272.48</u>
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Total cash in all Funds, June 30, 1909 . . .	\$21,289.75
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Received during the year from all sources . .	26,948.62
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Total receipts all Funds	\$48,238.37
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Total expenditures all Funds	26,965.89
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Balance in all Funds, June 30, 1910 . . .	<u>\$21,272.48</u>
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Deposited in Savings Banks as follows:

General Fund, including all funds marked *

(Deposit Books Nos. 40824, 64494, 140957,

80374, 22021, 3605 and Yale National Check

Bank) \$10,368.53

Andersonville Permanent Fund (Deposit Books

Nos. 144942, 22019, 90251) 6,011.96

Emergency Fund (Deposit Books Nos. 22020,

80373) 4,190.03

Cash on hand	701.96
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	<u>\$21,272.48</u>
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SUPPLIES IN HANDS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL TREASURER.

2,058 Badges, All Grades.	3 Department Supply Ledgers (200 Leaf)
321 Bronze Pins.	6 Department Supply Ledgers (300 Leaf)
39 Gold Pins (14 Karat).	5 Department Per Capita Tax Books
62 Gold Pins (10 Karat).	6,420 Department Commissions
3 Gold Charms.	5,475 National Commissions.
14 Rolled Gold Pins.	11 Large Electros (Badge)
20 Rolled Gold Charms.	28 Small Electros (Badge).
10 Red Geneva Crosses.	25 Electros (Flag and Eagle).
19 Loyalty Pins.	25 Electros (Recognition Pin)
2 Yards Charter Ribbon.	225 Specimen Sheets of Ledger.
75 Yards Badge Ribbon (Membership).	500 Specimen Sheets of Cash Book.
35 Yards Badge Ribbon (Corps Officers).	16,920 Corps Treasurers' Reports (Form W).
38 Yards Badge Ribbon (Dept. Officers)	1,620 Patriotic Primers.
58 Yards Badge Ribbon (National Officers).	25 Independence Charts
900 Red Seals.	200 Oleographs.
475 Gilt Seals.	70 Small Journals
975 Emblems	67 Small Cash Books.
358 Corps Charters.	105 Small Roll Books.
20 Rituals.	97 Small Ledgers.
980 Corps Service Books.	52 Sets Duty Cards.
110 Department Service Books.	10 Silk Flags (32 x 48).
18 National Service Books.	356 Staffs
90 Burial and Memorial Service.	Cotton Flags (32 x 48).
800 Rules and Regulations.	600 Iron Stands for Flags.
17,500 Applications for Membership.	275 Small Silk Salute Flags (5 x 12).
8,500 Invoices of Supplies to Corps.	30 Empty Badge Boxes
15,050 Arrearage Blanks.	1,400 Ballot Balls, Black or White.
800 Sheet Music, Opening Ode.	50 Mailing Tubes.
75 Initiation March.	17 Department Charters.
4,650 Ode Cards.	181 National Charters.
2,050 Discharge Cards.	
3,300 Visiting Cards.	
300 Transfer Cards (Corps).	
80 Transfer Cards (Dept.).	
5,300 Department Credential Cards.	
1,950 National Credential Cards.	
855 Journals.	
245 Ledgers.	
2 Ledgers (Double Thick).	
80 Cash Books.	
468 Roll Books.	
35 Corps Secretaries' Order Books.	
205 Corps Treasurers' Receipt Books.	
125 Dept. Secretaries' Order Books.	
190 Dept. Treasurers' Receipt Books.	
65 National Treasurers' Receipt Books.	
2 National Secretaries' Order Books.	
1,020 General Order Files.	
476 Letter Files.	
2 Beath's Blue Book.	
972 Red Books.	
1 Department Supply Ledger (100 Leaf).	
Value of supplies in hands of National Treasurer, \$5,972.80.	

FREE BLANKS.

15,500 Form A.	Form J.
725 Form B.	300 Form JJ.
1,000 Form C.	38 Form K.
27,900 Form D.	Form KK.
1,700 Form E.	9,000 Form L.
2,000 Form F.	750 Form M.
600 Form G.	16,500 Form N.
350 Form H.	Form P.
29 Form HH.	550 Form R.
75 Form I.	1,400 Form VV.
	300 Form VVV.
615 Charter Application Blanks.	
325 Corps Requisition Books.	
30 Department Requisition Books.	
4,000 Corps Treasurers' Bonds.	
98 Blanks for National Secretary's use.	
400 Per Capita Tax Blanks.	
1,000 Delegates' Cards, Detached Corps.	
50 Credential Cards, National Officers.	
171,30 Patriotic Selections.	

NATIONAL SECRETARY.

13 Transfer Cards (Corps).	28 Form A.
1 Department Charter.	50 Form C.
5 National Charters.	30 Form D.
3 Discharge Cards.	100 Form F.
2 Visiting Cards.	22 Form G.
60 National Credential Cards.	13 Form L.
110 Gilt Seals.	56 Form N.
22 Corps Bonds.	50 Tax Sheets.
21 Charter Applications.	
Value of supplies in hands of National Secretary, \$5.10.	

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

107 Form JJ.	8 Form KK.
15 Form K.	
Value of supplies in hands of National Chaplain, \$1.30.	

NATIONAL INSPECTOR.

1265 Form O.	251 Form P.
Value of supplies in hands of National Inspector, \$2.00.	

NATIONAL INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER.

5 Form G.	22 Form I.
12 Form H.	3 Charter Applications.
26 Form HH.	
Value of supplies in hands of National Instituting and Installing Officer, \$0.50.	

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

14 Form VV.	20,000 Flag Salute Leaflets.
63 Form VVV.	
Value of supplies in hands of National Patriotic Instructor, \$10.00.	

NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

1471 Form X.	6 Form XXX.
Value of supplies in hands of National Press Correspondent, \$3.00.	

TOTAL VALUE OF SUPPLIES ON HAND, \$5,994.70.

JOURNALS IN HANDS OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

Mrs. Barker's	Journal	. .	1883-84, 1st and 2d, reprint .	1328
Mrs. Sherwood's	Journal		1885, 3d, reprint . . .	363
Mrs. Fuller's	Journal	. . .	1886, 4th . . . out of print	
Mrs. Kinne's	Journal	. .	1887, 5th, reprint . .	241
Mrs. Hampton's	Journal	. .	1888, 6th, reprint . .	347
Mrs. Craig's	Journal	. . .	1889, 7th, reprint . .	358
Mrs. Wittenmyer's	Journal	. .	1890, 8th . . .	198
Mrs. McHenry's	Journal	. .	1891, 9th . . .	58
Mrs. Sanders'	Journal	. . .	1892, 10th . . .	158
Mrs. Wickins'	Journal	. .	1893, 11th . . .	133
Mrs. Minks'	Journal	. . .	1894, 12th . . .	156
Mrs. Wallace's	Journal	. .	1895, 13th . . .	118
Mrs. Turner's	Journal	. . .	1896, 14th . . .	100
Mrs. Hitt's	Journal	. .	1897, 15th . . .	100
Mrs. Martin's	Journal	. . .	1898, 16th . . .	76
Mrs. Miller's	Journal	. .	1899, 17th . . .	78
Mrs. Bodge's	Journal	. . .	1900, 18th . . .	275
Mrs. Carr's	Journal	. .	1901, 19th . . .	271
Mrs. Jones'	Journal	. . .	1902, 20th . . .	100
Mrs. Taylor's	Journal	. .	1903, 21st . . .	100
Mrs. Winans'	Journal	. .	1904, 22d . . .	71
Mrs. Minot's	Journal	. . .	1905, 23d . . .	612
Mrs. Adams'	Journal	. . .	1906, 24th . . .	208
Mrs. Sparklin's	Journal	. .	1907, 25th . . .	395
Mrs. Jones'	Journal	. . .	1908, 26th . . .	420
Mrs. Gilman's	Journal	. . .	1909, 27th . . .	400

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Visiting Cards.	Corps Transfer Cards.	Dept. Transfer Cards.	Dept. Credentials.	Nat'l Oriental Cards.	Journals.	Ledgers.	Cash Books.	Roll Books.	Corps Order Books.	Corps Receipt Books.	Dept. Order Books.	Dept. Receipt Books.	G. O. Files.	Letter Files.	Beath's Blue Book.	Red Books.	Sets Supplies.	Dept Supply Ledgers.	Dept Per Cap Tax Books.	Dept Commissions.	Large Electros.	Small Electros.	Electros 1/2 and 1/4.	Bagle.	Lifeless Recog.	Lifeless Pin.	Decorative Shavers.
California and Nevada.....	300	300	500	500	30	7	20	2	15	70	1	1	12	8	14	14	2	...	...	100							
Colorado and Wyoming.....	120	40	300	550	6	6	10	2	6	21	2	2	12	19	1	3	1	...	...	...				
Connecticut.....	50	50	550	550	8	6	5	7	7	21	2	2	10	13	1	3	1	...	...	...				
Idaho.....	57	20	150	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Illinois.....	300	300	1500	1500	46	19	30	5	50	75	5	1	24	12	35	35	1	...	...	...				
Indiana.....	300	300	1200	1200	22	21	30	3	35	45	5	1	20	12	4	12	6	...	...	...				
Iowa.....	300	300	500	500	23	21	15	3	35	45	...	...	13	20	2	12	6	...	...	...				
Kansas.....	300	100	500	500	25	10	15	10	45	1	1	...	13	13	2	12	1	...	...	...				
Kentucky.....	10	...	200	200	50	6	6	1	18	1	...	...	9	9	4	1	1	...	...	...				
Louisiana.....	...	...	200	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maine.....	...	...	200	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland.....	12	12	200	200	1	...	1	1	3	3	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...				
Massachusetts.....	160	200	650	650	60	5	1	50	115	3	1	1	30	25	1	30	1	...	...	...				
Michigan.....	274	319	900	900	32	13	27	6	25	86	2	10	27	4	14	14	1	...	...	...				
Minnesota.....	48	140	900	900	25	5	5	5	30	45	1	1	2	1	22	22	1	...	...	...				
Mississippi.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri.....	50	50	250	250	60	3	1	3	11	29	1	1	2	1	10	10	...	...	...	...			
Montana.....	...	...	200	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska.....	150	200	50	50	200	10	12	15	10	30	...	...	12	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	
New Hampshire.....	...	...	300	300	50	11	2	2	5	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Jersey.....	...	...	100	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New York.....	100	260	2200	2200	40	26	30	8	40	90	6	10	20	5	15	15	9	...	...	...				
North Dakota.....	28	260	200	200	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ohio.....	156	196	1500	1500	37	17	25	10	40	95	3	3	26	8	25	25	2	...	...	...				
Oklahoma.....	80	60	150	150	8	3	2	3	5	5	2	2	2	6	1	6	1	...	...	...				
Oregon.....	150	150	10	250	50	3	3	3	15	25	1	1	2	6	12	12	3	...	...	...				
Pennsylvania.....	100	...	250	250	16	5	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Potomac.....	30	30	200	200	3	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island.....	10	55	300	300	1	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Dakota.....	75	125	200	200	4	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee.....	...	...	300	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Texas.....	20	20	100	100	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vermont.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Washington and Alaska.....	52	52	650	650	7	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia.....	200	200	600	600	50	10	8	5	10	30	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	...	...	...				
Wisconsin.....	22	100	200	200	1	15	1	1	1	5	1	4	16	1	1	1	1	...	...	...				
Wyoming.....	100	100	1500	1500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Detached Corps and Members	36	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	3343	3330	170	18050	600	488	210	305	72	435	1148	25	96	275	180	18	277	35	3	11	137	21	11	9			

SUPPLIES FURNISHED BY NATIONAL TREASURER, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

DEPARTMENTS	Specimen Sheets. (Cash)	Form W.	Patriotic Printers	Patriotic Selections	Independence Charts	Oleographs	Silk Flags	Cotton Flags	Flag Stuffs	Iron Stands	Silk Salute Flags	Empty Badge Boxes	Ballot Balls	FREE SUPPLIES							Charter Applica- tion Blanks.	Corps Requisition Books.	Dept. Requisition Books.	Corps Treas. Bonds.	
														Form A	Form B	Form D.	Form E	Form G	Form J.	Form L					Form N.
California and Nevada	3000	100	500	12	109		34	16	16	20	20	62		700	19	1000	32	5	75	200	1000	10	24	1	135
Colorado and Wyoming	1500	15	50	5	26		1	15	18	22	100	25		100	4	650	8	..	5	200	100	5	10	1	61
Connecticut	1037	134	10	26	5		21	4	8	65	23	6	75	630	8	475	4	5	50	38	300	5	10	5	250
Idaho	5	300		10	10								50	100	25	200	3	10	100	100	1000	10	24	1	160
Illinois	3000	105		10	10		25	4	25	4	50	8	50	150	6	2012	12	325	325	200	1000	17	2	250	
Indiana	3000	103		10	21		60	4	36	20	128	24	100	2100	14	3000	12	6	350	618	1500	12	1	166	
Kansas	2000	22	84	6	19		119	5	115	102	175			1300	14	1900	12	2	44	42	80	10	1	65	
Kentucky	50	1		1										180		220	10	10	50	130	100	12	1	230	
Louisiana	1000	6	30	31	5		5	2	4	4	36		100	1500	35	2500	25	5	375	375	100	30	2	100	
Maine	4500	85	500	10	46		11	8	11	4		50		1000	22	1435	8		440	1250	20	10	1	18	
Maryland	4500	36	150	6	18		46	9	45	26	90	10	100	1000	22	1435	8		440	1250	20	10	1	18	
Massachusetts	2000	58		5	16		65	6	57	72	90			1000	22	1435	8		440	1250	20	10	1	18	
Michigan	3000	70	20	48	9		9	4	4	4	45			150	4	175	4	15	50	100	211	15	10	100	
Minnesota	800	300		20	6		4	6	4	4	45			150	4	175	4	15	50	100	211	15	10	100	
Mississippi	300	200		20	48		35	8	42	48	62	51		1300	24	1900	21	9	470	470	1100	22	25	227	
Missouri	2200	50	70	5	21		14	8	15	16				624	24	1900	21	9	470	470	1100	22	25	227	
Montana	300	6			40		56	4	56	60	20	50		200	6	300	6	37	1000	475	2000	25	10	230	
Nebraska	300	6			40		56	4	56	60	20	50		200	6	300	6	37	1000	475	2000	25	10	230	
New Hampshire	4000	110	100	8	43		78	8	36	48	380	12	150	50	27	200	10	4	36	36	100	6	1	18	
New Jersey	3800	116	100	8	43		78	8	36	48	380	12	150	50	27	200	10	4	36	36	100	6	1	18	
New York	300	6			40		56	4	56	60	20	50		200	6	300	6	37	1000	475	2000	25	10	230	
North Dakota	300	6			40		56	4	56	60	20	50		200	6	300	6	37	1000	475	2000	25	10	230	
Oklahoma	400	4			43		78	8	36	48	380	12	150	50	27	200	10	4	36	36	100	6	1	18	
Oregon	800	10			26		18	16	16	16	95	70	50	500	6	800	14	25	500	500	2000	6	22	235	
Pennsylvania	1700	10			18		12	9	4	4	50	70	50	500	6	800	14	25	500	500	2000	6	22	235	
Potomac	200	12			18		22	4	4	4	4	12	12	101	5	121	5	5	26	26	101	4	4	16	
Rhode Island	200	12			18		22	4	4	4	4	12	12	101	5	121	5	5	26	26	101	4	4	16	
South Dakota	500	20	25	8	1		22	4	8	4	60	74	200	525	4	704	8	220	35	725	110	6	1	55	
Tennessee	120	100			1		22	4	8	4	60	74	200	525	4	704	8	220	35	725	110	6	1	55	
Texas	100	40			1		22	4	8	4	60	74	200	525	4	704	8	220	35	725	110	6	1	55	
Vermont	100	40			1		22	4	8	4	60	74	200	525	4	704	8	220	35	725	110	6	1	55	
Washington and Alaska	1150	40	46	5	35		19	5	23	23	24		200	700	12	20	2	1	150	100	100	17	1	110	
West Virginia	1600	20	50	10	29		29	18	18	8	36		200	700	12	20	2	1	150	100	100	17	1	110	
Wisconsin	2000	40	100	10	10		94	4	40	48	10		130	1500	30	1500	30	8	325	325	1500	26	1	125	
Detached Corps and Members	304	11	277	2	16		3	12	14	12	12		130	1500	30	1500	30	8	325	325	1500	26	1	125	
Totals	1652961	10552353	74	582	871	103	631	609	1558	554	1680	22805	320	34622	328	174	6477	6898	20567	280	274	29	2967	29	2967

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES.

Joseph K. Davison's Sons, badges, bronze and gold pins, and ribbon	\$4,106.00
Griffith-Stillings Press, supplies, General Orders, National Roster, stationery and express on same	4,609.30
Printing 6,000 Journals of Twenty-seventh National Con- vention, shells and labels, labor putting books in shells, postage and express on Journals to Departments, Detached Corps, National and Past National officers . .	3,543.11
Reprinting and binding 500 copies each of Sixth and Seventh National Convention Journals	1,056.00
Printing 800 preliminary reports, National Convention badges, invitations, expressage, etc.	736.47
Dr. Orpha D. Bruce, inspecting Corps in Florida	42.85
Flo Jamison Miller, attending meetings of National Council of Women	126.72
Emma Stark Hampton, attending meeting of National Council of Women	72.75
M. Josie Nelson, Treasurer, dues to National Council of Women	33.34
Maria L. Mumford, Chaplain, office expenses	4.00
National Headquarters Fund (by transfer)	50.00
Kate Brownlee Sherwood, postage and typewriting	16.21
Kate Brownlee Sherwood, floral tribute for Amelia C. Alexander	8.00
Alice Dean Schneider, Inspector, office expenses and inspections	47.37
Jennie Iowa Berry, Chief of Staff, office expenses	19.60
Clara A. Lukens, Junior Vice-President, envelopes	1.00
Kate E. Jones, postage and telegrams	1.80
Charlotte E. Wright, office help for the year	75.00
Harriet J. Bodge, Counselor, postage and incidentals . . .	3.22
Ellen F. Daniels, I. and I. Officer, postage and expenses .	11.58
Alvin A. Clark, services as janitor	10.00
Ida Shotts Pentreath, Chairman Executive Board, office expenses	2.00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$14,576.32

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$14,576.32
Ida Shotts Pentreath, salary for auditing books	20 00
Isabel Worrell Ball, salary for auditing books	20 00
Armilla A. Cheney, salary for auditing books	20 00
Henrietta E. Briscoe, salary for auditing books	20.00
Mary I. Hayes, salary for auditing books	20.00
Adams Express Co., express on Treasurer's trunk to Salt Lake City and return	50.92
Fannie M. Jones, services as Assistant Secretary	20.00
Stella M. Lewis, stenographer for Convention	125.00
Stella M. Lewis, traveling expenses and board	51.45
Francis Scott Key Memorial Association, as per vote of Twenty-seventh Convention	100.00
Mary L. Gilman, National President, expenses to Salt Lake City and return, attending Twenty-seventh National Convention	150.00
Mary L. Gilman, compiling Twenty-seventh National Convention Journal	150 00
Mary L. Gilman, official trip to New Haven	8.30
Testimonial to retiring President	40.00
Maria W. Going, National Secretary, salary	120.00
Maria W. Going, National Secretary, office expenses	27.92
Maria W. Going, National Secretary, expenses to Salt Lake City and return, attending Twenty-seventh National Convention	135.41
Charlotte E. Wright, National Treasurer, expenses to Salt Lake City and return, attending Twenty-seventh National Convention	149.12
Hotel Kenyon, board and rooms for three National officers	307.80
Hotel Kenyon, carriage hire, porter, phone, paper, etc.	45.00
Charlotte E. Wright, envelopes, files and postage used at National Convention	2.69
Charlotte E. Wright, desk as per vote of Convention	25.00
John T. Bickell, salary	420.00
Mrs. John T. Bickell, salary	120.00
John T. Bickell, freight on mower	8.22
John T. Bickell, labor and material at Andersonville	35.08
Sarah D. Winans, Chairman, office expenses	3.00
Sarah D. Winans, expenses two trips to Andersonville	108.30
A. J. Johnson, taxes on Andersonville property	43.00
C. A. Head, repairs at Andersonville	20.00
Sheffield-Huntington Co., repairs at Andersonville	30.25
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$16,972.78

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$16,972.78
Aycock Brothers, labor on spring at Andersonville	125.00
Phoenix Insurance Co., insurance on Andersonville property	20.25
Review Publishing Co., envelopes for National Secretary	27.75
Mary M. North, Patriotic Instructor, expenses	400.00
T. S. Metcalf, envelopes for National President	11.00
Elliott-Mamer Co., carbon letter book for Secretary's use	1.25
Edward P. Judd Co., red seals	3.60
Ætna Indemnity Co., premium on National Secretary's and Treasurer's bonds	60.00
V. F. McNeil, premium on insurance on W.R.C. stock	34 00
Quartermaster-General, G.A.R. blue books	15.00
Oliver Ditson Co., sheet music	25.00
W. S. McClelland, envelopes for Chairman Executive Board	2.00
Singleton W. Davis, envelopes for National Press Corre- spondent	1.75
John E. Bassett Co., postage scales	6.40
Sarah M. Wilkins, Department Treasurer, for organizing Corps in Oklahoma	50.00
Chatfield Paper Co., wrapping paper	3.40
Cora M. Davis, National Inspector, office expenses	17.92
The Idaho Post, envelopes for National Chaplain	5.00
Kirk & Co., for services rendered	7.75
Eliza Spohr, Department Treasurer of Ohio, refund of per capita tax	25.50
Margaret Garey Wright, Press Correspondent, office ex- penses	26.94
Omaha Ticket Co., mailing tubes for Secretary's use	9.60
Amelia F. Colgan, Past National Junior Vice-President, inspection expenses	57.24
Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President, inspecting Corps in Utah	6.50
Laura Hutchinson, inspecting Corps in Arkansas	31.82
Elm City Manufacturing Co., ballot balls	3.10
Wallace Foster, flags, staffs and iron stands	220.36
Cheney Brothers, silk flags	585.15
Jennie Iowa Berry, National President, hotel expenses at Salt Lake City	5.75
Jennie Iowa Berry, National President, Headquarters Fund	750.00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$19,511.81</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$19,511.81
Jennie Iowa Berry, National President, for organizing Corps by vote of National Council	150.00
Jennie Iowa Berry, National President, express on Headquarters trunk and flag.	6.60
Jennie Iowa Berry, National President, office help for the year	150.00
Jennie Iowa Berry, National President, official trip to Atlantic City	69.56
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, salary	630.00
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, postage	82.00
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, office supplies	7.40
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, express on trunk and freight on Corps supplies returned	3.79
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, meals in Salt Lake City	1.30
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, official trip to National Headquarters	10.04
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, official trip to Memorial University.	13.44
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, official trip to Atlantic City	100.65
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, expenses to Nebraska Department Convention	9.97
Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, expenses to South Dakota Department Convention	20.57
Charlotte E. Wright, National Treasurer, salary	720.00
Charlotte E. Wright, National Treasurer, contingent fund expended as follows, receipted bills on file:	
Freight and drayage	248.46
Express on supplies to Departments and Corps	225.71
Postage on supplies, receipts, invoices, etc.	225.48
Stock-room rent	120.00
Wrapping paper, twine, nails, and other office supplies	39.24
Boxes for shipping supplies	7.10
Telegrams	2.75
Telephone rent	33.15
Total expended as per abstract	\$22,389.02

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RELIEF FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1909	\$270.14
Received from the following sources:	
General Fund by transfer	\$50.00
A. C. Sharpe, National President . .	25 00
	<hr/> 75.00
Total receipts	<hr/> \$345.14

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By transfer to Eunice H. Vipond, army nurse .	50.00
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Balance in Fund, June 30, 1910	<u><u>\$295.14</u></u>

SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1909	\$320.88
Received from the following sources:	
California and Nevada	\$25.50
Colorado and Wyoming	20.50
Connecticut	33.00
Idaho	8.00
Illinois	84.45
Indiana	40.50
Iowa	31.12
Kansas	20.00
Maine	30.00
Massachusetts	284.20
Michigan	100.00
Minnesota	49.00
Montana	2.00
Nebraska	30.10
New Hampshire	35.00
New Jersey	6.00
New York	135.25
North Dakota	3.00
Ohio	92.15
Oklahoma	4.25
Oregon	4.50
	<hr/> 1,038.52
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u><u>\$1,359.40</u></u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,359.40
Pennsylvania	25.00
Potomac	29.50
Rhode Island	10.00
South Dakota	12.75
Vermont	30.00
Washington and Alaska	27.00
West Virginia	3.00
James B. McKean No. 1, Utah	2.00
Helen R. Blackmar	25.00
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	164.25
Total receipts	<u>\$1,523.65</u>

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By transfer to Quartermaster-General, G.A.R.,	\$1,503.15
By transfer to Amelia F. Colgan	7.00
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	1,510.15
Balance in Fund, June 30, 1910	<u>\$13.50</u>

ANDERSONVILLE PERMANENT FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1909	\$5,759.26
Received from the following sources:	
Rhode Island Monument Association	\$20.20
Interest on deposits	232.50
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	252.70
Total receipts	<u>\$6,011.96</u>

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Balance in Fund, June 30, 1910	<u><u>\$6,011.96</u></u>
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EMERGENCY FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1909	\$4,027.35
Received interest on deposits	162.68
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Total receipts	\$4,190.03
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Balance in Fund, June 30, 1910	<u><u>\$4,190.03</u></u>
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MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY FUND.

Dr.

Received from the following sources:

Colorado and Wyoming	\$10.00
Connecticut	35.00
Illinois	110.00
Iowa	582.25
Minnesota	62.50
New Hampshire	63.00
New York	100.00
Wisconsin	123.00

Total receipts	\$1,085.75
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By transfer to President Memorial University .	\$1,085.75
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FRANCIS SCOTT KEY MEMORIAL HOME FUND.

Dr.

Received from the following sources:

Colorado and Wyoming	\$1.00
Kansas	4.50
New Hampshire	3.48
Geo. R. Maxwell No. 3, Utah	2.00

Total receipts	\$10.98
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By transfer to Charles H. Weisgerber, manager	\$10.98
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ASSETS, JUNE 30, 1910.

Supplies on hand as per Abstract	\$5,994.70
Balance in General Fund	10,761.85
Balance in Headquarters Relief Fund	295.14
Balance in Southern Memorial Fund	13.50
Balance in Andersonville Permanent Fund	6,011.96
Balance in Emergency Fund	4,190.03
Total assets	\$27,267.18

LIABILITIES, NONE.

Only a little more to conclude the report of the year's work.

The contribution of \$250.00 for Memorial University, from the Department of Ohio, was received too late to be included in the list from Departments, but I gladly make note of it here.

It is a great pleasure to be able to report all indebtedness, from Departments and Detached Corps, canceled on or before June 30, 1910.

Prices continue to advance along many lines, but I still deem it unwise to change price list to Departments and Corps, as that would necessitate new invoices and requisition books, at a cost of over \$400.00, and these we now use were printed only two years ago.

Finances are in excellent condition, although amount in General Fund is not quite as large as last year, but total in all funds is about the same. Interest added during the year is \$712.96, a larger sum than for several years.

The amount given to army nurses, by vote of last National Convention, \$20.00 each, amounted to \$920.00.

They are growing feeble as the years go on, and surely our large Order can afford to give these worthy women this well-earned comfort and cheer to make glad their hearts at Christmastide.

The work of the National Treasurer suggests that the following may be of much help. I therefore make the following

Recommendation. That hereafter three copies of Secretaries' blanks, Forms A and D, be sent each quarter to each Corps by Department Secretaries and by National Secretary to Detached Corps.

Corps Secretaries shall forward two copies each of Forms A and D, when filled out, with *per capita* tax, to Department Secretary and file one copy for future reference. Detached Corps Secretaries shall forward two copies each of Forms A and D, with *per capita* tax, to National Secretary.

Three copies of Forms C and F shall be sent Department Secretaries, who shall forward, when filled out, two copies of each blank, with *per capita* tax, to National Secretary and file one copy for future reference.

Thanks are expressed to the National President and Secretary for the kind words and courtesies shown, and the helpfulness received from their pleasant visit to my home last November.

To all National and Department officers, for many loving words and deeds of kindness, I tender grateful thanks.

To Mr. E. B. Stillings, official printer, for help cheerfully given during the year, appreciative thanks. The National Treasurer, possibly more than any other officer, realizes the many burdens he helps to lighten by his knowledge of the needs and work of the Order.

To Joseph K. Davison's Sons, for special favors, my heartfelt thanks are due and freely given for the many courtesies extended.

To Wallace Foster, for continued favors through all the year, grateful thanks.

To all my group of Treasurers, new and old, who have been so patient and kind, sincere thanks; all will be held in loving remembrance.

Thanks are due many, and are hereby given, especially to those whose thoughtful kindness lightened many burdens during the illness of my husband. Space will not permit me to mention their names, they were legion.

The long, severe illness of my husband made it impossible for me to accept the many invitations received, but when the Conventions and social meetings were being held I called to mind the many familiar faces that would be seen, and in some measure shared the pleasure they were enjoying; but I hereby extend sincere thanks to all from whom cordial invitations, Journals, Rosters and General Orders have been received. May many blessings be meted out to each one.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

CHARLOTTE E. WRIGHT,
National Treasurer.

NATIONAL TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FROM JUNE 30, 1910, TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1910

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements from June 30, 1910, to September 23, 1910.

GENERAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1910	\$10,761.85
Received from sale of supplies	1,558.60
Received for <i>per capita</i> tax	2,834.96
Received from Jennie Iowa Berry, balance National Headquarters Fund	38 36
Received from Jennie Iowa Berry, balance National Organizing Fund	80.00
Total receipts	<hr/> \$15,273.77

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By expenditures as per abstract	\$4,441.47
By gift to the Grand Army of the Republic	1,000.00
Total expenditures	<hr/> 5,441.47
Balance in Fund, September 23, 1910	<hr/> <u>\$9,832.30</u>



*Yours cordially
Charlotte E. Wright*

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National Treasurer, 1905-1910

ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURES

FROM JUNE 30, 1910, TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1910.

T. S. Metcalf, envelopes for National President	\$2.75
Kate Brownlee Sherwood, office expenses and typewriting	4.60
Lodusky J. Taylor, National Counselor, office expenses	3.00
John T. Bickell, salary	105.00
Mrs. John T. Bickell, salary	30.00
John T. Bickell, work at Andersonville	14.70
Sheffield-Huntington Co., work at Andersonville	7.50
Joseph K. Davison's Sons, supplies	664.00
Cheney Brothers, silk flags	86.95
Wallace Foster, staffs and flags	187.50
Griffith-Stillings Press, supplies	499.35
Griffith-Stillings Press, 800 Preliminary Reports, and badges	754.75
Griffith-Stillings Press, printing, postage and express	629.38
National Headquarters Relief Fund (by transfer)	50.00
Kate E. Jones, Chairman Andersonville Transfer Committee	19.10
Lewis W. Call, Clerk and Solicitor, expenses receiving deeds of Andersonville Property	8.85
Fannie D. W. Hardin, Senior Vice-President, office expenses	3.00
Jennie L. Jones, Junior Vice-President, envelopes and postage	4.05
Clara L. Campbell, Chaplain, office expenses	7.60
Cora M. Davis, Inspector, office expenses	17.90
Marie L. Basham, Instituting and Installing Officer, office expenses	16.22
Charlotte E. Wright, office help for the year	75.00
Mary M. North, Patriotic Instructor, expenses	50.00
Margeret Garey Wright, Press Correspondent, office expenses	10.50
Ida E. Palmer, Chief of Staff, office expenses	19.55
Sarah D. Winans, envelopes and postage	5.50
Nettie McGowan, expense on committee work	1.30
Harriet J. Bodge, expense on committee work	4.60
Jennie Iowa Berry, material for Headquarters banner	25.10
Maria W. Going, services as Assistant Secretary	20.00
Florence O. McClelland, Chairman Auditing Committee, expense of auditing books	100.00
Ida Shotts Pentreath, telegrams and postage	3.75
Testimonial to retiring President	40.00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,471.50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,471.50
Georgia Wade McClellan, salary	180.00
Georgia Wade McClellan, express on National Secretary's trunk	7.15
Georgia Wade McClellan, office supplies	5.21
Georgia Wade McClellan, postage	10.00
Georgia Wade McClellan, expenses attending Twenty-eighth National Convention	64.00
Jennie Iowa Berry, expenses attending Twenty-eighth National Convention	54.65
Charlotte E. Wright, expenses attending Twenty-eighth National Convention	8.80
L. Corderey, services as janitor	10.00
Olive G. Williams, Stenographer, services at Convention	100.00
Olive G. Williams, traveling expenses and board	43.45
Young's Hotel, room for Stenographer	15.25
Young's Hotel, rooms, board and incidentals for three National officers	174.35
Charlotte E. Wright, salary	120.00
Charlotte E. Wright, trunk straps and ribbon for flags	2.37
Adams Express Co., express on Treasurer's trunk	3.84
Charlotte E. Wright, contingent expenses from June 30, 1910, to September 23, receipted bills on file:	
Freight and drayage	53.29
Express on supplies to Departments and Corps	48.36
Postage on supplies, receipts, invoices, etc.	35.71
Stock-room rent	20.00
Office supplies.	3.24
Boxes for shipping supplies	2.60
Telephone rent	7.70
Total expended	<u><u>\$4,441.47</u></u>

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RELIEF FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1910	\$295.14	
Received from General Fund	50.00	
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Total receipts		\$345.14

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By transfer to Salome Van Osdol	50.00	
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Balance in Fund September 23, 1910 . .		<u>\$295.14</u>

SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1910	\$13.50	
Received from the following sources:		
Vermont75	
Wisconsin	76.50	
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Total receipts		\$90.75

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Balance in Fund September 23, 1910	\$90.75	
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ANDERSONVILLE PERMANENT FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1910	\$6,011.96	
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Balance in Fund September 23, 1910	\$6,011.96	
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EMERGENCY FUND.

Dr.

Balance on hand June 30, 1910	\$4,190.03	
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Balance in Fund September 23, 1910	\$4,190.03	
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MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY FUND.

Dr.

Received from the following sources:

Ohio	\$250.00
Rhode Island	30.60

Total receipts	<u>\$280.60</u>
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By transfer to President Memorial University	<u>\$280.60</u>
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SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

General Fund	\$9,832.30
National Headquarters Relief Fund	295.14
Southern Memorial Fund	90.75
Andersonville Permanent Fund	6,011.96
Emergency Fund	<u>4,190.03</u>

Total cash in all funds September 23, 1910	<u>\$20,420.18</u>
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Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

CHARLOTTE E. WRIGHT,
National Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT NATIONAL PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT, W.R.C.,
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, June 30, 1910.

CHARLOTTE E. WRIGHT,
National Treasurer, W.R.C.

Madam: I hereby submit an itemized account of receipts and disbursements of the funds in my possession, from August 13, 1909, to June 30, 1910.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND.

Receipts.

Received of National Treasurer . . .	\$750.00	
Interest on Fund to June 30, 1910 . . .	11.71	
		<u>\$761.71</u>

Disbursements.

Postage and drafts	\$62.42	
Desk and office supplies	24.45	
Office rent to June 17, 1910	100.00	
Telegrams, etc.	12.41	
Typewriting	14.10	
Express charges.	1.65	
Traveling expenses to fifteen Departments and elsewhere, as shown by "President's address" .	378.72	
		<u>593.75</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1910		<u><u>\$167.96</u></u>

ORGANIZING FUND.

Receipts.

Received from National Treasurer	\$150.00	
Interest to June 30, 1910. . . . .	.70	
		<u>\$150.70</u>

Disbursements.

Organizing work in three Departments	\$30.00	
General organizing work	9.85	
Drafts . . . . .	.15	
		<u>40.00</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1910		<u><u>\$110.70</u></u>

OFFICE ASSISTANT FUND.

Receipts.

Received from National Treasurer	\$150.00
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Disbursements.

Assistance in office work to June 30, 1910	50.00
Balance on hand June 30, 1910	<u>\$100.00</u>

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL REPORT NATIONAL PRESIDENT

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND.

Balance on hand June 30, 1910	\$167.96
Disbursements June 30, 1910, to September 22, 1910:	
Traveling expenses	\$29.05
Postage	47.74
Telegrams and express	17.91
Office supplies.	4.90
Office rent, June 17 to September 17	30.00
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	129.60
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Returned to National Treasurer	<u>\$38.36</u>

ORGANIZING FUND.

Balance on hand June 30, 1910	\$110.70
Disbursements June 30 to September 22, 1910:	
Organizing work in three Departments.	\$30.00
Postage and drafts.70
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	30.70
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Returned to National Treasurer	<u>\$80.00</u>

OFFICE ASSISTANT FUND.

Balance on hand June 30, 1910	\$100.00
Disbursements June 30 to September 22, 1910:	
Assistance in office.	<u>\$100.00</u>

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, W.R.C.,
MOSCOW, IDAHO, July 25, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: In compliance with duty, I have the honor to submit through you to the Twenty-eighth National Convention my report as National Chaplain.

The sacred duties of this office came to me very unexpectedly, but I have tried faithfully to perform all, and to leave undone nothing which would add to completeness of the work or tend to its uplift. Still the report is not as full as I had hoped to make it, and therein lies the great disappointment of the year's work.

At an early date I wrote each Department Chaplain, hoping thereby to open up acquaintance and a feeling of partnership in both the duties and pleasures of the work. This was followed later by Circular Letter No. 1, which accompanied General Orders No. 6, Memorial Day, of the National President.

In this it was sought to make very plain the work of all Corps and Department Chaplains, which if fully and promptly performed would greatly lessen the work of this office.

The late date of Department Conventions was the cause of some confusion, rendered so more particularly by failure in a number of Departments to forward General Orders, thus leaving us in a state of uncertainty regarding the responsibility of making report.

In view of this I would make

Recommendation No. 1. That all General Orders of Departments be sent each National officer for her information.

All through the year a pleasant correspondence has been kept up, which has added greatly to my knowledge of the work along its several lines, and created a new interest therein, especially in the work in the Southland, which seems performed so lovingly and often with great self-denial.

A complete report has been received from but few Departments I wish this could have been remedied.

California sent an excellent report, and many places adjacent to the sea had beautiful and impressive ceremonies. The day was generally observed.

Colorado, one Corps reports the Italian Mission children assisting, thus implanting lessons of patriotism in early life.

Kentucky has done well. One Corps says: "One of the best Memorial Days we have ever had; college friends and citizens coöperating with us and exercises by children fine." Another prepared over 6,000 individual bouquets.

In Louisiana, at Chalmette National Cemetery, a beautiful program was given under the direction of the united Posts and Corps.

Michigan says: "Memorial Day was never more fittingly observed. A general rain over the State interfered with programs, but the spirit and sacredness of the day were observed. Flowers and potted plants were furnished in abundance by the school children. Monuments were unveiled, erected through efforts of small Corps, one being to the memory of the Unknown Dead. Tributes were prepared alike for the Sailor-Soldier Dead and those who sleep in the Southland. The school children look upon Memorial Day with reverence, and gladly bring their choicest offerings."

Missouri had large crowds at all memorial exercises, and people seemed to take more interest than in former years. National Guards assisted in services. Stores were closed, and no games of any kind.

New Hampshire has one weak Corps, which might well be an example to all. Auxiliary to a Post now dead, with only three resident members, they decorate 97 graves, and at an expense of over twenty dollars have furnished grave-markers, beside other work; they do not feel that they can surrender their charter, as there are still living heroes to cherish, as well as the dead to remember and honor.

At New Ipswich, during the service for Sailor-Soldier Dead, a young man floated a number of sailboats, with sails set, and filled with flowers.

Washington and Alaska has fine report. Corps near streams have in most cases paid tribute to Sailor-Soldier Dead by launching beautiful flower-laden boats, barges and set pieces. Corps near military fortifications have had their coöperation and so secured the help of the military band and a firing squad. The two Corps near the Navy Yard were invited guests of the management, and joined with the members of the navy present in both land and water ceremony, when, after decorating the graves in the naval cemetery, the school children and patriotic orders were taken on tugs and launches, and provided with flowers, which were strewn on the water, while twenty-one minute-guns were fired.

My sympathies have been greatly drawn to the Detached Corps, especially those in the Southland, working under such difficulties, many of them with small membership, yet withal so brave and loyal to every interest of our work, of which they do such a large part in proportion to their numbers. In many localities the children cannot be enlisted, as it engenders hard feeling which it is wise to avoid.

There follow just a few items from the many good reports received.

At Newbern, N.C., impressive ceremonies were held by Woman's Relief Corps, at the New Jersey Monument, children taking an active part.

At Hilton Head, S.C., grand memorial services. Bluffton has the service for Sailor-Soldier Dead before going to Beaufort, where there are many thousand graves to decorate.

Pulaski, Tenn., had a grand day with crowd of people and fine speeches.

Portsmouth, Va. The W.R.C. school children and public in general seemed more interested than ever before, and exercises were best ever held in the city.

Fitzgerald, Ga. Colony Corps still keeps up its record, after the local work, going to Andersonville with its 14,000 silent sleepers, and remembering each. .

Tallapoosa, Ga., sent a deputation to Marietta, where 11,000 graves are decorated each year.

This record would be incomplete without mention of the work of John A. Logan Corps at Phœbus, Va. This little Corps of only thirteen members, with National Aide E. Pansy Colgan as President, is doing a double work, having over 10,000 graves to decorate in the National Cemetery alone, besides those in the home cemeteries, after which they go to the water front, and flowers are thrown on the water, which are carried down to the old battle-ground of the *Monitor* and *Merrimack*.

This year, Captain J. E. B. Stuart, a son of the noted Confederate general of that name, sent armfuls of flowers, and on Sabbath afternoon went with Mrs. Colgan and daughters to decorate her husband's grave in old St. John's, the descendants of those on opposite sides thus going together and helping each other in this loving remembrance of our dead heroes. May this spirit grow. Mrs. Colgan lives near the Soldiers' Home and every Sunday afternoon they visit the hospital, taking a part of the wards each time, and give each veteran a little boutonnière, reserving the fragrant flowers for the blind inmates, of which there are 150.

In Tampa, Fla., is a Corps doing, as they express it, "an unpopular work," but ever faithful to all demands.

Taken as a whole, I believe there is a growing respect for and observance of Memorial Day, and all that it implies.

Circular Letter No. 1 and tabulated report follow:

OFFICE OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN, W.R.C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
520 EAST 6TH ST., MOSCOW, IDAHO, April 2, 1910.

Circular Letter {
No. 1. }

*To Department Chaplains and Corps Chaplains
in Departments and Detached Corps:*

GREETING: Having been elected National Chaplain at Salt Lake City, Utah, by the Twenty-seventh National Convention, I have assumed the responsibilities of the office, and cordially invite the active coöperation of every Department and Corps Chaplain, in the work entrusted to our care.

CORPS CHAPLAINS

The sacred character of the office of *Corps Chaplain* implies that only women well qualified will be elected to that office, therefore the honor is one of which any member may well be proud.

Under their obligation they must discharge all duties devolving upon them, with becoming dignity and in a conscientious manner, and their influence in the Corps will tend largely to its benefit.

The duties of Corps Chaplains are clearly defined in Rules and Regulations, the Ritual, and Installation Service.

They must fill out Memorial Day Blank, Form J, and forward the same to Department Chaplain, through their Corps President, not later than June 5, and perform such other duties as the Corps may require.

On Memorial Day, our day of days, each Corps Chaplain is requested to be especially active in its observance, under direction of their Corps President.

The National Chaplain, with a clear understanding of their duties, wishes Godspeed to every Corps Chaplain in our great Order, and urges each one to measure up to their high office, and use every endeavor to keep the standard of their Corps well advanced in all good works.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS

The first duty of a Department Chaplain is to *immediately* notify the National Chaplain of her election, and full post-office address, and through Department General Orders announce the same information to all Corps Presidents in her Department.

Department Chaplains now in office are particularly urged to call attention of their successors to this important matter, and to turn over to them *at once*, all blanks in their possession, otherwise the work of this office will be greatly embarrassed.

The further duties of Department Chaplains are clearly defined in Chapter III, Article VI, Section 5 of Rules and Regulations, which should be carefully studied, and strictly observed.

BLANKS

The Blanks necessary for reports of Corps and Department Chaplains are:

Form J, Memorial Day Blanks, which are ordered by Department Secretaries, from National Treasurer, and sent by them to Corps Presidents, with first quarterly reports.

Form K is a large Blank for use of Department Chaplains in tabulating reports, *Form J*.

Form KK, Consolidated report of Department Chaplains will be sent Department Chaplains by the National Chaplain, to be filled out and returned to her.

Department Chaplains are requested to use every effort to secure reports from their Corps Chaplains promptly, in order that they may make Consolidated Report to National Chaplain for her Annual Report without delay.

The National Chaplain will, by letter or Special Circular, keep in touch with Department Chaplains, and be ever ready to give any information required to aid them in making their Department work of the greatest benefit to all concerned.

DETACHED CORPS

It is the duty of the National Chaplain to forward *Form JJ* Memorial Day Blanks to Detached Corps, and to receive the same, when properly filled out, and compile the same for her annual report.

A personal letter, or Special Circular will be sent each Detached Corps Chaplain, through their Corps President, when Memorial Day Blanks are forwarded, giving such information as may be deemed necessary.

It has been my endeavor to herein set forth the duties devolving upon all Corps and Department Chaplains, in the hope that we may all work together, as one, for the upbuilding and glory of our Order.

The National Chaplain desires each one of her officers to feel that she has a personal interest in them, and wishes for them every success, officially and personally.

Two copies of this Circular Letter should be sent each Corps President, one for use of Corps Chaplain and the other for filing.

Yours Fraternally in F. C. and L.

CLARA L. CAMPBELL,
National Chaplain.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN, *National Secretary.*

TABULATED REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN FOR MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 31, 1910.
(REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS)

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***Provisional.**

TABULATED REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN FOR MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 31, 1910.—(REPORT OF DETACHED CORPS.)

No. of Corps	NAME OF DETACHED CORPS.	PRESIDENT	LOCATION.	No. of members in good standing.	No. of members taking part on Memorial Day.	No. of children taking part on Memorial Day.	No. of soldiers graves decorated.	What expense was incurred by Corps?	Were refreshments provided for Post?	Were flowers pro- vided Post by purchase or con- tribution?	Was memorial pre- pared for the Dead? y n o w n	Did Corps as body attend Sabbath Memorial services?	Is Corps adjacent to large stream or bodies of water?	Did Corps prepare tribute for Sailor- Soldier Dead?	Amount contrib- uted for Memo- rial Day South	No. of members lost by death from May 30 to May 30
1	J. W. Owens. . . .	Mary E. Fiske.	Phoenix, Ariz.	24	15	200	120			Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		..
2	Alexander. ....	..	Globe, Ariz.	38	20	150	18		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		1
1	Curtis.	Julia B. French . . .	Siloam Springs, Ark . .	56	50	60	64		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		..
4	Judson.	Mary Evans.	Little Rock, Ark.	11	11	200			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		..
7	Barnes ..	Sofia West. . .	Mariche, Ark.	15	15	24	5	\$4.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		1
9	Harker.	Lavinia H. Henderson.	Gentry, Ark.	11	8	12	8		No	Yes	No	Yes				1
2	B. C. Lincoln	Patience Adams	Key West, Fla. ..													...
3	Charles Gabriel.	(J. J. McDonald . .	Jacksonville, Fla. .	170	170	15	48	5.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		6
5	A. H. Terry.	Iula J. Calhoun . .	Tampa, Fla. . .	25	22		45	2.50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		..
7	Kit Carson.	Hester L. McCardell.	St Petersburg, Fla .	30	20		17	3.50	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
11	J. G. Hamel.	Isabella Tatton . .	So Jacksonville, Fla .	21	18	75	27	20.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes		1
12	L. L. Mitchell.	Mary F. De Graw .	St Cloud, Fla.	71	65	45	3		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
1	James B. Steadman	Frances M. Jones	Tallahassee, Ga .	30	13		17	40.30	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No		1
2	Colony. . . .	Hellen F. Chapple . .	Fitzgerald, Ga.	65	40	25	13829		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		..
3	Robert G. Shaw.	Matilda Williams	Savannah, Ga .	37	17	53	9131	7.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		1
19	Jennings.	Clara Ritter . .	Jennings, La .	31	20		27		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No		1
2	Custer.	Sallie S. Stansfield	Baltimore, Md .	58	21	15	125	3.00	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	\$1.00	1
1	G. K. Warren.	Emma C. Whitton	Albuquerque, N. M .	97	48		55	26.40	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2
1	J. C. Beecher	Anna W. Wynn	Newbern, N. C .	106	61	242	3378	4.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		3
2	Fletcher.	Araminta Bailey.	Elizabeth City, N. C .	13	10	400	26	1.80	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		1
4	J. C. Abbott.	Elizabeth L. Pridgen	Wilmington, N. C. .	28	28	650	2201	16.95	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	25.00	..
2	Carleton. ....	..	Santa Fé, N. M. ....													..
3	J. H. Blazer. ....	..	Alamogordo, N. M. ....													..
4	II. H. Rapier. ....	..	Tularosa, N. M. ....													..

1	David Hunter...	Susan M. Wallace	Beaufort, S C.....	61	17	93	\$820	15 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	40 00	7
2	William R. Reed..		Charleston, S C ..											
3	Abraham Lincoln	Nancy Christophei	Hilton Head, S C ..	24	18	25	1000	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	10 00	1
4	William McKinley	Violet Brewen	Bluffton, S C .	20	18	78	300	1 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		1
4	Lincoln. . .	Louisa Thornton.	Nashville, Tenn.	10	10	6	30	7 00	No	Yes	No	Yes		
6	Douglas.....	Onie Washington	Memphis, Tenn....	9	14	20	..	1 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
7	Chickamauga . . .													
8	Lathrop	Harriet Abernathy.	Pulaski, Tenn	20	17	150	35	7 71	No	Yes	Yes	No		...
1	James B. McKean	Adaline A. Patterson	Salt Lake City, Utah	105	22		250	...		Yes	Yes	No		
2	Dix-Logan . . .	Adhe L. Williams	Ogden, Utah....	81	75		74		No	Yes	Yes	No	2 00	3
3	George Maxwell	Lucy E. Norton.	Salt Lake City, Utah	106	....	..			No	Yes	Yes	Yes		
5	William T. Sherman		Provo, Utah .											
6	W. S. Hancock	Ellen A. Short ..	Salt Lake City, Utah	29	10	250				Yes	Yes	No		
1	Callhoun	Martha Walker.	Norfolk, Va. .	37	20	10	50		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		1
3	Shaw ...		Norfolk, Va. .											
4	Silas Fellows	Margaret Anderson	Portsmouth, Va	24	24	75	60	5 00	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		1
5	Lincoln . . .		Waterway, Va											
6	Grant	Anna L. Guthth	Eastville, Va .	45	32	18	198	6 00		Yes	Yes	Yes		
7	Drupper		Portsmouth, Va	....									
8	Philip S. Woodin	Emma Church..	Hampton, Va	50	30	20	3000		No		Yes	Yes		2
9	Sherman .	Annie Shields	Savageville, Va .	50	46	98	20	31 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
12	Dahlgren	Flora S. Barber...	Norfolk, Va	26			150	5 00		Yes	Yes	Yes		
13	John A. Logan	E. Pansy Colgan .	Phabus, Va. .	13	8	175	11000	7 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	7 00	
14	P. J. Cutler...	...	Mappsville, Va											
15	B. F. Butler . .	Mattie A. Morris . .	Suffolk, Va. . .	20	12	250	18	3 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
17	R. J. Moore ..		Portsmouth, Va ..											
19	Halloway . . .	Pauline Morris	Cheapside, Va .	28	26	18	20	7 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		1
22	Stedman	Louisa Wilson.	Petersburg, Va	10	10	100	1208	10 00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Totals				1705	1111	3540	67677	239 95	20	39	31	40	\$85 00	10
									Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

In view of the year's experience, and hoping to add to the efficiency of the work, I would make

Recommendation No. 2. That hereafter Forms K and KK be sent Department Chaplains not later than February 1, with instructions to turn them over to their successors, except those in office on May 30, who must compile Memorial Day reports.

I would also add

Recommendation No. 3. That no member accept the office of Corps Chaplain who cannot comply with its requirements, especially in promptly reporting to Department Chaplain, who cannot otherwise report acceptably to National Chaplain.

This recommendation is not made in a spirit of harshness, but for the good of our Order, and that we may receive rightful credit for work performed.

The work of the year has been most enjoyable, and its details are before you. I desire to express my thanks to our National President, Secretary and Treasurer for the kind deeds and cheering words extended throughout the year; also to Comrade E. B. Stillings, whose patient helpfulness has never been found wanting and who has lightened our labors many times. He deserves the title of "National Helper."

To my associates and assistants I also extend thanks for all their many courtesies, and the invitations and tokens of friendship received; they have added cheer and brightness through all the year, and their memory will be ever fragrant through life's journey.

SUMMARY

Number of Departments	36
Number of Departments reported	36
Number of Corps in Departments reported	2,678
Number of Detached Corps	51
Number of Detached Corps reported	40

	Departments.	Detached Corps.	Totals.
Membership reported	150,629	1,705	152,334
Members taking part Memorial Day	86,208	1,111	87,319
Children taking part Memorial Day	267,003	3,560	270,563
Soldiers' graves decorated	495,327	67,677	563,004
Expense incurred	\$12,836.24	\$239.95	\$13,076.19
Corps providing refreshments	967	20	987
Corps providing flowers	1,900	39	1,939
Corps preparing memorials for Un- known Dead	1,775	31	1,806

	Departments.	Detached Corps.	Totals.
Corps attending Sabbath Memorial			
Service	2,138	40	2,178
Corps adjacent to large bodies of water	1,104	23	1,127
Corps preparing tribute for Sailor Dead	821	19	840
Amount contributed for Southern			
Memorial Fund	\$1,300.60	\$85.00	\$1,385.60
Members lost by death from May 30 to			
May 30	2,062	40	2,102

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

CLARA L. CAMPBELL,

National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR

OFFICE OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR, W.R.C.,
UNION, ORE., July 25, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: Herewith is submitted my report of the status of the various Department Headquarters and of the inspection of the several Detached Corps.

Deeply mindful of the honor conferred upon me by our National President, my sole purpose has been to serve the best interests of the Order, and to be faithful to all of the trusts committed to my charge.

No sooner had I reached home from National Convention than I received requests for Forms O and P for fall inspections, from two of our largest Departments, New York and Illinois. Being as yet entirely without supplies, I immediately placed the situation before the National President, the official printer, and my predecessor, Mrs. Schneider, and in the meantime wrote to these two Departments, endeavoring to hold them off until the supplies could arrive. The time for beginning inspections being well advanced, demands grew insistent and the case became urgent. Since the supplies did not reach this office until the night of September 21, a reprint had to be ordered meanwhile.

The time of National Convention being one month later this year, to avoid any delay and to save the consequent annoyance to all concerned, I have brought the supplies to National Convention, ready to turn over to my successor immediately.

Following the established precedent, I have, with the approval of the National President, issued two circular letters to Department Inspectors, containing such suggestions and instructions as seemed advisable.

Early in the year 1910 two copies of Form U were sent from this office to each Detached Corps, either directly or through the proxy.

Department Conventions coming in each month from February to June, Circular Letter No. 1, together with two copies of Form R, were sent to Department Inspectors early in January.

Forms O and P were sent early in August to the newly appointed Department Inspectors, direct from the official printer.

Early in August I mailed my Circular Letter No. 2 to each Department Inspector, enclosing a self-addressed postal for each to acknowledge receipt of Forms O and P.

Department Inspectors have been efficient and, with few exceptions, prompt in returning their reports. Report comes to this office of the splendid work of Tillie D. Entrikin, Department Inspector of the Potomac, also of Fannie D. Neff, Department Inspector of Ohio, whose immense tabulated report is a model of neatness and perfection. Carrie May Nelson, Department Inspector of Minnesota, is to be commended for her good work and splendid report, which is the best one received at this office. Something good could be said of each one, but space forbids.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR, W.R.C., }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 UNION, OREGON, January 7, 1910. }

Circular Letter,)
 No. 1.)

Department Inspector:

One of the most important duties of Department Inspectors is specified in Rules and Regulations, Chapter V, Article V, Section 3, as follows:

"The Department Inspector shall inspect the work and examine the books and records of Department officers, which shall cover the entire period of the Department administration, under direction of National Inspector, within three days prior to Department Convention, shall report the result of the same immediately, and perform such other duties as may be required of her by the National President or National Inspector."

You will, accordingly, before Department Convention, arrange with your Department President a suitable time and place for this inspection, allowing yourself ample time for a thorough examination of the books, and for checking up the accounts, for the entire administration.

This inspection is of no value unless it is thoroughly done.

The books of Secretary and Treasurer must agree. See that the accounts are balanced and that the books are closed for the year, also that the cash balance shown agrees with the cash on hand and amount on deposit.

The National seeks through you to learn the true condition of your Department. Do not hesitate, therefore, to make any necessary corrections, nor to give any needed instructions. This can be done so tactfully and so kindly as to leave no room for offence.

Form R is enclosed herewith. Kindly acknowledge receipt of same, and, at the close of your year's work, report on the enclosed blanks, filing one copy with Department Secretary, and mailing the other immediately to National Inspector.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.

CORA M. DAVIS,
National Inspector.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*
GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN, *National Secretary.*

OFFICE OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR, W.R.C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
UNION, OREGON, June 28, 1910. }

Circular Letter, }
No. 2. }

Department Inspector

The National Inspector desires to extend congratulations to you upon your appointment to one of the most important offices in your Department. May you so enter into the spirit of your work that at the close of your term you will have the satisfaction that comes with the consciousness of work well done.

Your most important work, Corps Inspections, in September, October and November, is the first to claim your attention. Select for your Assistants only those who are best qualified to instruct, inspect, direct and encourage; otherwise the visit of the Inspector is merely a social event of the year. Let yours be the true inspections.

In order to make your inspections this year the best in the history of your Department, which naturally is your desire, begin at once to plan your work. On sending out Forms O and P to your Assistants, enclose specific plans and instructions, and if possible call them together for definite training for their work. The National Inspector will greatly appreciate a copy of your Circular Letter.

Encourage the memorizing of the Ritual and other ceremonies by the officers in charge. Strict adherence to the Ritual has for years been the standard of excellence. Instruct when necessary in the keeping of the books and records. Give special attention to Color Bearers' "duties" and movements, and to the salute. Give praise wherever it is due. All needed corrections must be made, and with such kindness and tact as not to offend. So also must no opportunity be lost to commend all worthy

efforts and acknowledge all the good which has merited your approval. This encouragement is a satisfaction to the strong Corps, and a necessity to the weak ones.

Important as all these things are, let us remember that they are only secondary to the real purposes for which our Order is founded. Though many Corps are from necessity deficient in their ceremonials, their patriotic zeal and devotion to our nation's defenders will stand as a monument far more enduring than marble slab or tablet of stone.

Forms O and P have been sent you direct from our official printer. Please acknowledge receipt of same at once on the enclosed card.

Fraternally yours, in F., C. and L.

CORA M. DAVIS,
National Inspector

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN, *National Secretary.*

EXTRACTS FROM REMARKS OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA. Books most accurately kept. Department in a most flourishing condition. All lines of work well kept up.

COLORADO AND WYOMING. A most pleasant and prosperous year. The G.A.R. and W.R.C. work in perfect harmony.

CONNECTICUT. Books in most excellent condition. Two new Corps give us a good gain. Corps are in good condition, and much relief work is being done.

IDAHO. Corps throughout the State generally are in a very gratifying condition and prospects are very encouraging for the future.

ILLINOIS. Department has just closed one of its best years. In fine condition financially. Gave \$1,000.00 as a recruiting fund, besides other gifts, to the G.A.R.

INDIANA. Work of Secretary and Treasurer beautifully done, and absolutely correct. The most successful year our Department has experienced in many years.

IOWA. Convention one of the best ever held in Iowa. I wish it were possible for you to see the books of our Secretary and Treasurer. I do not believe there are any better in any Department.

KANSAS. No remarks.

KENTUCKY. Very harmonious Convention. It was our great honor to have with us our National President, Jennie I. Berry, and the Commander-in-Chief, Samuel R. Van Sant. Work of the Secretary and Treasurer deserve the highest commendation.

LOUISIANA. (Provisional.) No report. Department formed during present administration.

MAINE. Convention conducted in most pleasing manner, all feeling that the year's work had been successful in every way. Much credit is given the Department President.

MARYLAND. The Department is in good condition. Books well kept. G.A.R. and W.R.C. work fraternally together. Their relief work is combined, each helping the other.

MASSACHUSETTS. Books in most excellent condition. Entire work of Department very satisfactory. Officers have been true to their obligations.

MICHIGAN. Very harmonious. Committee from the G.A.R. remarked that they could not live without the Department W.R.C.

MINNESOTA. Work of the Secretary and Treasurer merits the highest praise. Large Convention. Harmony and love prevailed. Much credit is given the retiring President, Nella Williams, for her tact and hard labor in the advancement of the Department. We had with us Jennie I. Berry, National President, and our own Samuel R. Van Sant, National Commander.

MISSISSIPPI. (Provisional.) Much sickness in my official family, but we all work together in unity. Department formed during the year.

MISSOURI. No remarks.

MONTANA. Books of Secretary and Treasurer beautifully kept. Work of the year reflects great credit on the Department officers, Department steadily increasing.

NEBRASKA. W.R.C. and G.A.R. work in perfect harmony. Department in splendid condition.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. The work of the whole year has been of the best. All are working together in a spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty for the good of our Order.

NEW JERSEY. Most amicable, all working together in peace and harmony.

NEW YORK. Department in fine condition. Books of Secretary nicely kept. Treasurer's books accurately and finely kept. Department to be congratulated in having such competent officers in charge of Department accounts. Executive Board fine.

NORTH DAKOTA. All Corps were inspected and found in good condition.

OHIO. Four hundred and fifty-two voting delegates at Department Convention, which indicates much interest in the work.

OKLAHOMA. Convention perfectly harmonious. G.A.R. speak in the highest terms of the W.R.C. Many new members, who are interested and enthusiastic to know the work.

OREGON. The work of the Department has been very satisfactory this year.

PENNSYLVANIA. Everything in a very good condition. The G.A.R. and W.R.C. work hand in hand.

POTOMAC. Books of Secretary and Treasurer correct. All reports and vouchers, and National and Department General Orders filed.

RHODE ISLAND. Department in good condition. Doing good work for the Order and the G.A.R. boys.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Best of feeling exists between the two organizations and work in harmony throughout the State.

TENNESSEE. Our Department is in a better condition than it has been for a great while.

TEXAS. No remarks.

UTAH. No report. Department organized recently.

VERMONT. Good work of the W.R.C. much appreciated by the G.A.R. and the most friendly relations exist between them. Convention well attended and very pleasant.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA. Perfect harmony prevails. Outgoing officers have been very proficient. Order in prosperous condition.

WEST VIRGINIA. No remarks.

WISCONSIN. Most successful and pleasant Convention. Living Flag formed on Courthouse steps, and patriotic songs sung by these children as the old soldiers passed by.

DETACHED CORPS.

Our faithful co-workers in the Detached Corps are not lacking in courage, for only those who are brave and fully imbued with a love for our two Orders and all that they stand for could accomplish so much, amid environments the most disheartening.

Realizing the discouragements to be met and the difficulties to overcome by many of these Detached Corps, in "caring for the Union veteran and his dependent ones," and in promoting patriotic education in the South, I have given this subject my best thought, and have endeavored, through correspondence with the Presidents, to give the encouragement needed. As early as November, 1909, I sent a personal letter to each one, offering such encouragement as suggested itself to me at the time, and enclosing a postal card for a reply as to the conditions of the Corps, — their greatest need, greatest strength, number of members, and when last inspected. I followed these letters up with others, writing as often as three and four times to most of the Presidents. A few of these officers never replied, though none of my letters were returned.

While the replies have in some instances been dispiriting, in the main they have been gratifying, and I believe the Order has been well repaid for the postage spent by the National Inspector. I have never regretted the time spent in the interest of these Detached Corps. Many of them are doing an excellent work. See Table II.

Arizona and New Mexico were too remote to warrant the expense of personal inspection this year. All of the other districts were provided with Inspectors, but a few of the Corps, on account of sickness and for other reasons, could not receive the officer. From all of these Corps not visited I have tried persistently and conscientiously to obtain the reports necessary to make my report complete, and yet ten are lacking. This, I find, is about the usual number.

ARIZONA.

No. 1, J. W. OWENS. No report. Not inspected.

No. 2, ALEXANDER. Good report. Not inspected.

ARKANSAS.

No. 1, CURTIS. Splendid report. Inspected by Laura Hutchinson.

No. 4, JUDSON. Fine report. Doing a good relief work. Over \$100 in General Fund, and only eleven members. Inspected by Laura Hutchinson.

No. 7, BARNES. Corps work is a struggle. The few are doing all they can, and are caring for their old, sick soldiers. Encouragement needed. Inspected by Laura Hutchinson.

No. 9, HARKER. Absolutely in earnest, but working against the old feeling of distrust in the South. Encouragement is needed. Inspected by Laura Hutchinson.

FLORIDA.

No. 2, B. C. LINCOLN. No report. Not inspected.

No. 3, CHARLES GABRIEL. No quorum, therefore impossible to get complete report. This Corps paid \$426.00 for relief and charitable work. Inspected by Dr. Orpha D. Bruce.

No. 5, A. H. TERRY. Good report. Inspected by Dr. Orpha D. Bruce.

No. 7, KIT CARSON. Splendid report. Doing good work. Inspected by Dr. Orpha D. Bruce.

No. 11, J. G. HAMEL. No report. Not inspected.

No. 12, L. L. MITCHELL. Splendid report. Instituted February 3. Inspected April 25. Had then over \$60.00 in both funds, and had spent \$9.00 for relief. Inspected by Dr. Orpha D. Bruce.

GEORGIA.

No. 1, J. B. STEADMAN. No report. Not inspected.

No. 2, COLONY. Good strong Corps. Own their own fine two-story hall, fully furnished and equipped. Doing excellent work. Exceptionally good flag work and floor work. Inspected by Mary M. North.

No. 3, ROBERT G. SHAW. A good strong Corps. Good workers and enthusiastic. Inspected by Mary M. North.

LOUISIANA.

No. 19, JENNINGS. Good report. Not inspected.

MARYLAND.

No. 2, CUSTER. Strong Corps. Good report from the President. Not inspected.

NEW MEXICO.

No. 1, G. K. WARREN. A fine, strong, progressive Corps. Splendid report from the President, Emma C. Whitson. Not inspected.

No. 2, CARLETON. No report. Not inspected.

No. 3, J. H. BLAZER. A very weak, struggling Corps, but with a few fine patriotic women. A good recruiting officer is needed. Complete report sent by the President. Not inspected.

No. 4, H. H. RAPIER. A weak Corps. Encouragement and a recruiting officer needed. Report sent by the President. Not inspected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

No. 1, J. C. BEECHER. Largest and most active Colored Corps in the South. One hundred and five members. President and Secretary do their work nicely. Beautifully decorated hall. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 2, FLETCHER. Recently organized with only a few members. Very energetic President and Secretary, who hope for a good future. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 4, J. C. ABBOTT. A good Corps. Earnest and devoted to our principles. A bright President and Secretary. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

No. 1, DAVID HUNTER. One of the best, strong, working Corps in the South. Have spent much for relief, and are helping the Post financially. Inspected by Mary M. North.

No. 2, WILLIAM R. REED. A very weak Corps. Inspected by Mary M. North, who advised them to transfer.

No. 3, ABRAHAM LINCOLN. No report. Not inspected.

No. 4, WILLIAM MCKINLEY. No report. Not inspected.

TENNESSEE.

No. 4, LINCOLN. A weak Corps. Past Department President, Mary A. Hopkins, of Tennessee, has promised to look after them for the present and give the needed encouragement and instruction. Inspected by Mary A. Hopkins.

No. 6, DOUGLAS. A weak Corps, but work faithfully on Decoration Days. Inspected by Mary M. North.

No. 7, CHICKAMAUGA. Small Corps, but a good one. Meetings monthly. Inspected by Mary M. North.

No. 8, LATHROP. Small Corps, but in good substantial condition. Inspected by Mary M. North.

UTAH.

Six large, strong Corps, organized into a Department since inspection by Jennie Lillian Jones, National Junior Vice-President.

No. 1, JAMES B. MCKEAN. One of the three Detached Corps in the United States having a membership of 105. Excellent financially,

and in relief work. Best Treasurer in Utah. Inspected by Jennie Lillian Jones.

No. 2, DIX LOGAN. Very good condition. Up-to-date President. Good Secretary and Treasurer. Books in good condition. Inspected by Jennie Lillian Jones.

No. 3, GEO. R. MAXWELL. This is also one of the three largest Detached Corps in the United States. Membership 105. Work well done. Books well kept. Corps in good condition. Inspected by Jennie Lillian Jones.

No. 5, WILLIAM T. SHERMAN. Deficient in floor work, but good prospects for better work in the future. Good Secretary and Treasurer. Active in relief work. Inspected by Jennie Lillian Jones.

No. 7, W. S. HANCOCK. New Corps. Color Bearer's work perfect; best in Utah. Good Secretary and Treasurer. Inspected by Jennie Lillian Jones.

VIRGINIA.

No. 1, CALLIOUX. This Corps is No. 1 also in good work and in keeping together. President, Secretary and Treasurer are the right women in the right place. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 3, SHAW. Organized since 1886. Good Corps. Good relief work and a help to their Post. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 4, SILAS FELLOWS. Discouraged but took on new life and initiated five at the time of inspection. Good President and Secretary. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 5, LINCOLN. No report. Not inspected.

No. 6, GRANT. A well-to-do Corps, very active in relief. Getting along nicely, with a very bright President and Secretary. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 7, DRAPER. Corps not doing much. The President met Mrs. Colgan in Portsmouth and talked over plans for building up Corps, but could not promise her a meeting, therefore no report. Not inspected.

No. 8, PHILIP S. WOODFIN. Organized less than a year, but getting along nicely and much interested in the work, observing all national holidays. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 9, SHERMAN. Doing very well. Own their own hall. No Post, but the Corps attends to May 30, Flag Day, and all other national holidays. President, Secretary, Treasurer and Past Presidents are true and tried workers in the W.R.C. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 12, DAHLGREN. Composed mostly of school-teachers. Very bright and getting along nicely. Attend to all national days, including Peace Day, May 30 and Flag Days. They are a credit to the Order. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 13, JOHN A. LOGAN. Mrs. Colgan's own Corps. Small in numbers, but on May 30 helps to decorate over 10,000 graves. Three new members recently. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 14, P. J. CARTER. Own the hall jointly with the Post. Decorated beautifully with flags and bunting. Hall in the middle of the pine woods, nine miles from the station, but was filled with members who are much interested in the work. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 15, B. F. BUTLER. Have had lots of misfortune but are holding together, realizing what we are banded together for, and working for the best interests of the Order. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 17, R. J. MOORE. Corps not doing anything. Post disbanded. Are hoping to start up again soon. Not inspected.

No. 19, HALLOWAY. All much interested in the work, coming many miles to the meetings. A fine Corps with a very good President and Secretary. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

No. 22, STEADMAN. Not very active during winter, but observe every May 30, and with aid of Post cover every one of their 3,000 graves with flags and flowers. Inspected by Amelia F. Colgan.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Believing that the knowledge would materially aid each administration in planning for Detached Corps inspections, I offer

Recommendation No. 1. That each National Inspector state in her report which of the Detached Corps were officially inspected and which were not.

Inasmuch as Table II is a necessary part of the National Inspector's Report, and whereas its preparation involves far more labor than Table I, for which Form S is provided, I herewith submit

Recommendation No. 2. That a new blank to be known as Form UU be made for use of National Inspectors in tabulating Detached Corps Reports Form U, to be printed with her report to National Convention.

The supply of Form S being entirely exhausted, I offer

Recommendation No. 3. That a new supply of Form S be printed to conform to all of the changes in Form R that have been made since the last edition, or that shall have been made at the close of the Atlantic City Convention.

TABLE I.—TABULATED REPORT OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR, W.R.C., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1910.
(SHOWING CONDITION OF DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT CLOSE OF EACH ADMINISTRATION.)

DEPARTMENT.	DATE OF DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.	DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.	No of Council meetings in the year.	Average attendance of members of Council.	Amount paid Secretary.	Amount paid Treasurer.	Amount of money in Department General Fund.	Amount of money in Department Relief Fund.	Amount expended from Dept Relief Fund during present administration.	Have all Reports and Accounts been forwarded?	Do the books of Secretary and Treasurer after correspondence?	Are they accurately kept?	Were accounts balanced and books closed for the year?	Do the books of the Dept Secretary and Treasurer show that they have been audited by committee?	What are the relations between G.A.R. and W.R.C.
1 Calif & Nevada	April 19	Eliza K. Warburton	4	10	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$400.10	\$31.01	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very best
2 Colo & Wyo.	May 12	Loretta E. Munhall	4	10	85.00	125.00	1,251.01	15.00	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Most cordial
3 Connecticut	April 27	Lora E. Patton	4	10	100.00	100.00	95.00	\$3.52	28.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
4 Idaho	June 28	Anna T. Edlin	1	10	400.00	400.00	33.72	18.98	70.72	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
5 Illinois	June 25	John W. Smith	1	10	400.00	400.00	1,081.87	45.38	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
6 Indiana	May 21	Betha Parks Foster	18	10	200.00	200.00	1,711.87	405.88	100.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The very best
7 Iowa	June 7	Flora E. Pond	4	10	171.96	171.96	1,758.70	178.50	106.12	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Most cordial
8 Kansas	June 11	Pauline R. Snoddy	4	14	300.00	300.00	1,616.86	375.14	10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
9 Kentucky	May 18	Eva C. Armsstrong	1	10	25.00	25.00	1.19.00	.....	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Harmonious
10 Louisiana	June 15	Itha C. Reddy	9	10	50.00	10.00	317.11	370.18	120.70	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
11 Maryland	April 8	Mary Brandon	10	20	15.00	15.00	69.93	13.23	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very cordial
12 Massachusetts	April 6	Susan F. Burton	10	14	500.00	500.00	810.77	1,115.83	1,210.03	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
13 Michigan	June 22	Gertrude M. Hendrick	12	12	250.00	250.00	808.95	112.79	110.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The very best
14 Minnesota	June 14	Carrie May Nelson	11	11	200.00	200.00	319.01	35.15	2,130.66	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
15 Missouri	March 13	Martha Branch	12	10	125.00	125.00	100.00	28.00	10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
16 Mississippi	May 1	Frances Wheeler	9	10	100.00	100.00	1,111.31	5.25	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very cordial
17 Montana	May 3	Frances Wheeler	12	10	100.00	100.00	2,711.29	213.65	50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The very best
18 Nebraska	May 16	James D. Bell	12	12	180.00	180.00	2,711.29	213.65	50.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The very best
19 New Hampshire	April 13	Anna F. Drew	10	10	100.00	100.00	1,080.61	91.32	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Most amicable
20 New Jersey	June 10	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
21 New York	June 21	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
22 North Dakota	June 21	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
23 Ohio	June 15	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
24 Oklahoma	May 18	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
25 Oregon	June 15	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
26 Pennsylvania	June 8	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
27 Rhode Island	June 8	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
28 Tennessee	Feb 15	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
29 Texas	April 25	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
30 Utah	May 12	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
31 Vermont	June 16	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
32 Washington	June 21	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
33 Wisconsin	June 17	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
34 Wyoming	June 17	Edna J. Adams	15	10	275.00	275.00	1,461.68	100.69	215.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Harmonious
35															
36															
37															
Totals.....	121			340	\$1,821.96	\$1,771.96	\$25,595.43	\$1,346.65	\$5,517.62	35	35	35	35	30 Yes 5 No	Very friendly
Average.....	3.1			10	\$111.82 +	\$110.35 +	\$752.80 +	\$127.84 +	\$162.28 +	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Very friendly

* Organized June 11, 1910

TABLE II.—TABULATED REPORT OF DETACHED CORPS, W.R.C., FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1910.

No. of Corps.	NAME OF CORPS.	LOCATION.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Number of Members in good standing	Average attendance of Officers for year.	Average Attendance of Members including Officers for year.	Amount charged for Int- nation (not including price of badge)	Amount charged for yearly dues	Amount of money in General Fund	Relief Fund (if none so report).	Amount of money expended for Relief for the year ending March 31, 1910.	Estimated value of Relief other than money for the year ending March 31, 1910.	Amount of money turned over to Post for year ending March 31, 1910.	Have all Reports and dues been forwarded to National Headquarters?	Do the books of the Secretary and Treasurer show that they have been audited quarterly by the Auditing Committee?	Are copies of regular Quarterly Relief Reports sent to the Post?	Do the Post and Corps work in harmony?
1	J. W. Owens.	Phoenix, Ariz.	38	12	12	\$1 50	\$1.00	\$22.24	\$15.00	..	..	..	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	*Alexander.	Globe, Ariz.	58	16	20	1 00	1 00	36.50	13.40	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1	Curtis.	Silom Springs, Ark.	11	10	10	2 00	6 00	111.00	55	20.25	5.65	0.60	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
4	Judson.	Little Rock, Ark.	10	8	8	.50	1 00	..	..	..	..	..	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
7	Barnes.	Marcho, Ark.	11	9	9	1 00	1 00	3.35	1.80	10.00	20.00	12.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
9	Harker.	Gentry, Ark.	10	8	8	1 00	1 00	..	..	..	..	..	Yes	..	..	..
2	B. C. Lincoln.	Key West, Fla.	30	5	10	1 00	..	19.00	..	331.00	..	..	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	Charles Gabriel.	Jacksonville, Fla.	30	6	10	1 00	1 00	10.49	14.20	..	..	..	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
5	*A. H. Terry.	Tampa, Fla.	30	8	16	1 00	1 00	79.53	6.75	..	100.00	..	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
7	*Kit Carson.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	30	8	16	1 00	1 00	..	..	..	..	..	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	J. G. Hamel.	So. Jacksonville, Fla.	61	11	40	1.00	1.00	50.65	5.00	9.00	..	..	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
12	*L. L. Mitchell.	St. Cloud, Fla.	65	8	30	1.00	1.00	65.32	5.85	2.00	20.00	15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1	*J. B. Steadman.	Tallahassee, Ga.	37	5	16	1 00	3.00	..	9.00	..	..	..	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	*Colony.	Pittsford, Ga.	28	9	13	1 00	.50	12.00	10.00	17.00	..	..	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
3	Robert G. Shaw.	Savannah, Ga.	55	8	52	1 00	1.20	21.29	11.70	47.48	30.45	15.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
19	*Jennings.	Jennings, La.	91	12	30	1 00	1 00	92.00	8.87	11.00	..	..	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Cusler.	Baltimore, Md.	9	5	5	1 00	1 00	27.75	5.00	..	..	..	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
1	*G. K. Warren.	Albuquerque, N.M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	Carleton.	Santa Fe, N.M.	8	5	5	1 00	1 00	8.36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3	*J. H. Blazer.	Alamogordo, N.M.	105	16	80	1 00	1.20	18.10	120.95	12.00	..	51.88	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	H. H. Raper.	Tulalosa, N.C.	12	8	10	1 00	1.20	4.76	..	..	5.00	3.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1	J. G. Beecher.	Newbern, N.C.	28	10	18	1 00	1.20	2.61	3.47	16.20	20.00	10.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Fletcher.	Elizabeth City, N.C.	61	6	22	3.00	3.00	61.00	12.00	267.00	8.00	..	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
4	J. C. Abbott.	Wilmington, N.C.
1	David Hunter.	Beaufort, S.C.
2	William R. Reed.	Charleston, S.C.



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CORA M. DAVIS
NATIONAL TREASURER

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR, W.R.C.,
LE SUEUR, MINN., Aug. 18, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: In compliance with our Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit my report as Counselor for the past year.

Realizing the great honor conferred upon the Department of Minnesota and upon me, personally, by the National President, in appointing me her personal adviser, I accepted this appointment fully appreciating the confidence thus bestowed; and I trust the bonds of friendship so long existing between us have been strengthened by our close and intimate relationship. I have endeavored to give every subject presented to me my very best thought and most careful consideration, so that I might prove myself a real aid to the National President and be able to fill the requirements of the office. Many perplexing matters have been presented, over which we have spent much time in consultation, and which we trust have been most amicably settled, with a full measure of justice to all concerned.

The following questions have been answered according to my interpretation of the law and have been approved by the National President:

QUESTIONS REFERRED.

Question 1. Does a Past Department President retain her honors when her Department is remanded to a Provisional Department?

Answer. She does.

Question 2. "Department Presidents may grant a special Dispensation to a member out on transfer (but not within reach of another Corps), permitting her to be considered a member of the Corps from which the transfer was taken, until such time as she shall be able to present herself to some Corps for admission by transfer." If that Dispensation is granted, does it give the member all the privileges of a regular member?

Answer. In my opinion, the above is a measure not designed to restore privileges to a member, but designed only to save to the Order

one who desires to remain in the Order, but who, by her remoteness from any Corps, is in danger of finding herself outside by reason of an expired transfer card becoming an Honorable Discharge. A member to whom had been issued such Dispensation would, in my opinion, be a passive member only of the Corps granting the transfer card during the life of the Dispensation.

Question 3. Can a National President authorize a Department President to retire a Corps upon its number, meaning that said Corps retain its Charter and number but sever its connection with its Post?

Answer. She can not. We have no law to bear out such procedure.

Question 4. Can a person residing in one Department make application to join a Corps in another Department, be balloted upon by that Corps but be initiated by a Corps in the Department in which she resides, and by that initiation become a member of the Corps to which she applied for admission in the other Department?

Answer. A person can join a Corps in any Department. The Woman's Relief Corps knows no State lines,—Beath's Blue Book, page 75, 1902 edition, Decision 7, Opinion 7,—but a person must be initiated into and by the Corps to which she makes application.

Question 5. Must the password be taken at a meeting that is called a reunion of Corps? (They have no Districts, just meet where the G.A.R. meet in reunion.)

Answer. Password must be taken whenever Ritualistic work is done.

Question 6. Can women residing in one city be organized into a Corps to be auxiliary to a Post in an adjoining city?

Answer. They can, providing it is agreeable to the Post.

Question 7. Are all official communications received by a Department President, pertaining to particular cases that have been submitted by her to the National President for her opinion, Department property, and do they revert with office?

Answer. They do. Page 137, Red Book.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

LODUSKY J. TAYLOR,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER

OFFICE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTING AND
INSTALLING OFFICER, W.R.C.
DES MOINES, IOWA, July 20, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: In compliance with the requirements of our Order, it affords me much pleasure to submit to you, and through you to the Twenty-eighth National Convention, a consolidated report of the past year's work regarding instituting and installing. Appreciating the honor conferred upon me and the Department of Iowa by my appointment, I have tried faithfully to perform all the duties required.

Many personal letters have been written to Instituting and Installing Officers and Department Presidents in the interest of organizing new Corps, and many letters of interest with the spirit of upbuilding have been received; and while if all the seed sown has not taken root, I believe the results will be obtained eventually, and I sincerely thank those who have assisted me in the efforts of increasing our new membership.

Fifty-three Corps have been organized, with Charter membership of 1,182.

New York and Kansas lead with largest number of Corps organized and largest new membership: Kansas, with ten Corps and two hundred and five members; New York, with nine Corps and two hundred and eleven members.

All Departments have been successful toward strengthening the weak and have brought to life many delinquent Corps and deserve recognition.

Following the precedent of former years, the "Circular Letter No. 1" and "Letter of Information" were issued and sent to Department Presidents and Instituting and Installing Officers with instructions for them to mail to the Grand Army comrades in their Department where Corps might be organized.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 OFFICE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER. }

803 EUCLID AVENUE, DES MOINES, IOWA, Dec. 1, 1909.

Circular Letter, }
 No. 1. }

To Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

The Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, is organized:

I. To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead.

II. To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans; to find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends; to cherish and emulate the deeds of our army nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to our country in her hour of peril.

III. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; to encourage the general observance of National Anniversaries and Flag Day, and of universal liberty and equal rights to all.

HOW TO ORGANIZE.

I. All women of good moral character over sixteen years of age, who have not given aid or comfort to the enemies of the Union, are eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

II. Applications for charters must be made on regular blanks, furnished on application by Department or National officers, and must be signed by not less than ten women eligible to membership, and indorsed by the Commander of the Post to which it is to be the auxiliary.

III. Necessary supplies for fifteen members or less can be obtained for ten dollars, which amount, in all cases, must accompany application for charter.

IV. Charter members must pay the same admission fee as members admitted on application, one dollar and fifty cents, which includes price of badge and a copy of Rules and Regulations.

V. Each Corps must bear the name of the Post to which it is auxiliary.

VI. Only those obligated on the day the Corps is organized can become charter members. except should any have signed application for

charter and were unable to be present at organization they may be initiated within a month and have their names enrolled on charter.

VII. A careful selection of charter members will insure success.

VIII. Comrades of the Grand Army, if you have no Corps, we earnestly solicit your aid in the organization of a Relief Corps auxiliary to your Post. Give us your hearty coopération, and your Post will be benefited by the assistance of the Corps in your relief work. Any further assistance or information will be cheerfully given by either Department or National Instituting and Installing Officer.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MARIE L. BASHAM,
National Instituting and Installing Officer.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Official:

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary.

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INFORMATION

FOR NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICERS.

First quarter begins July 1 and ends September 30.
 Second quarter begins October 1 and ends December 31.
 Third quarter begins January 1 and ends March 31.
 Fourth quarter begins April 1 and ends June 30.

National Instituting and Installing Officer will forward two blanks, Form H, to Department Instituting and Installing Officer about the 20th of December, March and June. The first quarter, ending September 30, will be sent just before the National Convention, and they will be returned to the new National Officer.

Department Instituting and Installing Officer will fill the inside fold, being careful to plainly and correctly give the number of charter members. If no Corps have been organized during the quarter, *state the fact, for that is a report of itself*; sign your name and post-office address plainly and send both blanks to the Department President.

Department President fills outside fold, writing name of Department, her name and post-office address plainly. One blank is kept at Department Headquarters; the other is sent by the Department President to the National Instituting and Installing Officer, not later than the *fifth day* of July, October, January and April.

Reports for fourth quarter, ending June 30, must be in the hands of National Officer by July 10, as all reports are consolidated and in the printer's hands by July 20, for National Convention. If Department Presidents wish credit for the year's work, they must comply with this rule.

Corps installations are not reported to the National, but to Department Instituting and Installing Officer.

Blank Form HH will be sent the Department Instituting and Installing Officer to consolidate her report for Department Convention.

Department installations are reported on Form M, four of which will be sent you. Send one copy to the National Secretary, one to the National Instituting and Installing Officer, one to the National Inspector and one to the National Treasurer, immediately at close of Convention.

The retiring President and Installing Officer sign on inside fold; the newly elected President on the outside. *The post-office address of all officers, town and State, street and number in large cities, should always be plainly written.* All reports should be promptly sent.

Please notify the National Instituting and Installing Officer when your Department Convention will meet, that these blanks may be sent you thirty days prior to the Convention.

It is urged that the officers will memorize the installation service, as it makes the obligation more impressive, and adds dignity to the ceremony.

Every Post of the Grand Army of the Republic should have its Relief Corps, and I ask each member to aid me in organizing a Corps to every Post in your Department that has none. Let us make this the "banner year" for new members. There cannot be too many workers in a Department, and the Department Instituting and Installing Officer is one of the most valuable assistants to the Department President, so put forth your utmost endeavors to organize, and to add increased membership in our loved Order.

Sincerely in F., C. and L.

MARIE L. BASHAM,

National Instituting and Installing Officer.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,

National President.

Official:

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,

National Secretary.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING
OFFICER, W.R.C., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1910.

NAME OF DEPARTMENT	No of Corps Instituted.	Total No. Charter Members.	Name of Department President.	Name of Instituting and Installing Officer.
California and Nevada..	1	31	Ella Van Horne.	Jennie M. Hunt.
Colorado and Wyoming.	1	24	Stella A. Kyle..	Elizabeth Herriott.
Connecticut.....	1	21	Alice A. Slater.....	Bertha M. Lounsbury.
Idaho.....	1	29	Annie Triplov.....	Susan Manning.
Illinois.....	1	30	Ida E. Palmer.	Nettie Larimer.
Indiana.....	2	205	Alice S. Pike...	Flora Millsbaugh.
Iowa.....	10	18	Marie L. Basham.	Ella Yowell
Kansas.....	1	26	Cora M. Deputy	Marie Mathews.
Kentucky.....	1	16	Anna E. Moore...	Mary Stoeckel.
Louisiana and Mississippi	1	53	Josephine B. Lewis....	Emily King.
Maine.....	1	52	Maud M. Merrick...	Blanche A. Merrill.
Maryland.....	1	32	Maggie Sunstrom...	Annie Alexander.
Massachusetts.....	3	10	Elizabeth P. Sawyer...	Mary A. Beal.
Michigan.....	2	47	Nellie Dodge Whitbeck..	Julia E. McClure
Minnesota.....	2	50	Nella Williams.....	Anna B. Hibbard.
Missouri.....	2	13	Mary E. Mettler...	Catherine Funk.
Montana.....	1	211	Anna S. Mardall....	Ruth A. Burton.
Nebraska.....	1	47	Clara J. Hughes	Dora Michel.
New Hampshire.....	1	10	Emma E. Looney.....	Abbie B. Batchelder.
New Jersey.....	9	21	Annie M. Sparmaker...	Lydia Wright.
New York.....	2	10	Nellie M. Bayless.	Florence E. Payne.
North Dakota.....	1	21	Lizzie A. Josselyn...	Kate D. Vallandigham.
Ohio.....	1	20	Mary C. Wentzel.....	Ada Tmmmerman.
Oklahoma.....	1	18	Mae E. Vampner....	Sarah A. Wedge.
Oregon.....	1	24	Mary E. Chamberlain..	Tennie Stockton.
Pennsylvania.....	1	50	Julia R. Carrington. ...	Frances E. Bricker.
Potomac.....	1	18	Mary A. Dow.....	Olive A. Raymond.
Rhode Island.....	1	24	Clara L. Lake.....	Lottie Brelsford.
South Dakota.....	1	18	Almera Stowell.....	Mable Searles.
Tennessee.....	1	24	Mary E. Thomas.....	Sarah M. Bathman.
Texas.....	1	18	Alice McEwen.....	Anna M. Wingrove.
Utah.....	1	153	Martha M. Campbell.	Lillian Duncan.
Vermont.....	1	50	Mary L. Rising.....	Mary B. Goodwin.
Washington and Alaska.	1	18	Letta Brown.....	Mary J. Ainey.
West Virginia.....	6	50	Mollie E. Topping....	Fannie Cecil.
Wisconsin.....	1	50	Annie E. Noyes.....	Elizabeth Cooley.
St. Cloud, Fla. Detached	1	50	.....	Dr. Orpha D. Bruce.
	53	1,182		

I am happy to report that Dr. Orpha D. Bruce organized a Detached Corps of fifty members at St. Cloud, Fla. A number of splendid young women are members of this Corps.

Blanks Form H were mailed in sealed envelopes, quarterly, from this office; and Form HH to every Instituting and Installing Officer prior to all Department Conventions.

Thirty-six Departments have sent in their reports for installation of new Department officers and have been filed for my successor.

It has been my privilege to institute two Corps and install the officers of four. I have visited during the year thirty-two Corps, and have spoken in behalf of our Order at forty-three public meetings and camp-fires and presented four large flags.

Many personal letters have been received, which I acknowledge with thanks, as I have been unable to respond to them all.

The General Orders, Rosters, Journals and invitations that have

reached this office from other Departments have been thoroughly appreciated, and thanks are extended for these courtesies.

In conclusion, I wish to acknowledge, first, my sincere gratitude to the National President for the confidence bestowed in my appointment, for her unfailing courtesy and kindness when sickness and death entered my home and duties were for the time laid aside. For all this I am deeply grateful.

To the National Secretary and Treasurer thanks are due for favors received.

I am especially indebted to my predecessor, Ellen F. Daniels, for needed information, which has been cheerfully given.

And I am not unmindful of the wise counsel and assistance received from Comrade E. B. Stillings, the "official printer," to whom I am truly grateful.

May our grand Order progress ever onward and forward until the end of time.

Our opportunities are ready and waiting, and the success of our mission depends on each member. Let "Charity, Education, Patriotism, and Added Membership" be our watchword through the coming years.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MARIE L. BASHAM,
National Instituting and Installing Officer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, W.R.C.,
SNOW HILL, MD., August 1, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: I have the honor to submit to you, and through you to the Twenty-eighth National Convention, my report as National Patriotic Instructor.

When our National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, asked me to accept this office, a thrill went through my soul at the unexpected honor, and I felt the call, as of a clarion, to fall into line and work, in this the dearest and noblest path in which the feet of any one may walk, and I vowed to give my whole thought and time to the work.

As the year closes, I can conscientiously say that I have kept faith. I have been blessed with health, and I have had no drawbacks. I have traveled nearly five thousand miles in the discharge of my duty, and everywhere I went I sowed seeds of patriotism, and tried to encourage their growth in hearts which perhaps had grown cold and careless.

I have given patriotic talks before five county institutes, and thus have come in contact with more than six hundred teachers, to whom I also exemplified the Salute to the Flag.

Whenever opportunity offered I visited schools and, with the permission of the principal, talked to the children upon the theme so dear to my heart.

I have also visited Young People's Societies and Sabbath schools, and have several times told the story of the flag, illustrating my talk with flags of other nations, and also with those used before the flag which we lovingly designate "Old Glory" was adopted as our ensign.

I have stood at our "ports" upon the Pacific and the Atlantic coasts, and have watched the incoming thousands, and a horror fixed itself upon my heart as I looked down the years which stretched before my imagination, and I thought, "Who is able for these things?"

Will our Order awake to the opportunities which confront us?

"Wide open and unguarded stand our gates, and through them presses a wild, motley throng," and in that throng are children, little



MARIE L. BASHAM
NATIONAL TREASURER



MARY M. NORTH
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



MARGARET CAREY WRIGHT
NATIONAL PRESS
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IDA E. PALMER
NATIONAL CHIEF OF STAFF



SARAH E. FULLER
LIFE MEMBER
EXECUTIVE BOARD

and big, some of whom will attend our schools, and we should feel that the burden is laid upon us to teach these children what patriotism is, and how dearly it has been bought, and how much we love our flag and the blessings which it gives us.

I have been in correspondence with hundreds of teachers, and I find that there are many adding patriotic teaching to their work, and trying to make good citizens of the children committed to their charge.

The reports which have come in from Departments have been very encouraging along this line, which I wish would get to be a hobby with all our members.

I find from the reports that nearly all the Corps are doing more work for schools, in many ways, than ever before.

Patriotic days are observed and encouragement given by the Corps, and in many instances programs were arranged by them.

Contests have been promoted and loyalty pins given, while not many schools are without the Declaration of Independence and the oleograph of the origin of the Stars and Stripes.

Flags are flying in the sight of those who will receive inspiration from them, and the walls of schoolrooms are not without the symbol of a free country.

Soon after my return from Convention I issued Circular Letter No. 1, which was favorably noticed by the *National Tribune*, and which brought requests from veterans, by dozens in several mails, for copies. Members of the W.R.C. also sent for packages, so that they might use the drill.

I trust that this may be as bread cast upon the waters, which shall return in results for our beloved Order and for the good of our future citizens.

In November I compiled the booklet which was ordered by the Convention, and following the request of numberless persons, and many letters, for short selections, I conferred with past National and present National officers, and with comrades of known ability along literary lines, and the booklet which is now in the hands of our National Treasurer is the result.

It has been favorably received everywhere.

The correspondence of the year has been enormous. Up to the time of writing this report I have sent from this office two thousand fifty-seven (2,057) pieces of mail.

Just after Corps elections, Corps Patriotic Instructors to the number of two hundred wrote me asking instructions.

I answered all and referred them to the Department Patriotic Instructor for further advice.

In summing up the work of the year, I find that there has been nothing but what has been a pleasure, privilege and delight.

I issued a second Circular Letter in April, when nearly all Department Conventions were over and new officers were on duty. This called for many letters of instruction to new Patriotic Instructors, which it was a pleasure to write.

There have been many calls for Flag Salute leaflets this year, and yet the supply is not exhausted nor will it be for some time.

I would urge that each Department President impress upon the woman she appoints as Patriotic Instructor the necessity of at once sending promptly to the National Patriotic Instructor the report for the year, so that it shall have a place in the year's report of the National officer. As this report goes to the printer, there are several delinquent, although I have written a number of times for their reports.

As Form VV is reprinted each year, and as on the present one numbers 7, 8 and 9 cannot be answered in figures, I offer

Recommendation No. 1. That Numbers 7, 8 and 9 of Form VV be printed as on Form VVV issued in 1906.

No. 8 of the present issue is: "Is Flag Day (June 14) observed?"

The answer is no good in a tabulated report, as in many instances the answer if not "Yes" or "No" will be "In a few instances" or "Somewhat." The old issue has it "Number of towns or cities observing Flag Day (June 14)?"

All answers to be effective should be in figures.

I was invited to attend the Convention of Tennessee in May and accepted with pleasure. The Convention was a very interesting one and the business was carried on in a praiseworthy manner, never lagging from start to finish.

Our National President was the guest of honor, and a welcome visitor was the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. I accompanied some of the members to Chattanooga, and was given such a reception that the pleasure will remain through life.

Everything was done for my comfort and edification, and I can never forget the time which I spent upon the famous battlefields adjacent to the city, nor the kind friends who planned the trip and accompanied me. I was given the privilege of instructing some of the Detached Corps and of inspecting in Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina. I found the majority of the Corps well up in the work and very helpful to their Posts.

In Fitzgerald is a Corps which is an honor to the organization, and the work of which compares favorably with that of many of the large Corps in our great cities.

They own their hall, a two-story structure, which is free of encumbrance, and in which the G.A.R. meets.

I was royally entertained by the members and the remembrance is as the fragrance of flowers.

This Corps, through great discomfort and inconvenience, accompanies the Post each year to Andersonville, to assist in placing their tribute of love and loyalty upon the "tents of the silent sleepers," who lost their lives in the Andersonville Prison Pen.

I visited our property, which has recently been accepted by the United States Government, Andersonville Prison Park, and "I would that my tongue could utter the thoughts that arose in me."

I was enthused, while I listened to the stories told by visiting comrades, with a greater desire to instill the principles of patriotism into the very being of our school children, so that there shall never be any question in the future regarding our country, but that all shall say, with love and devotion, "My country, right or wrong, my country!" and shall stick to it and make it only right.

May they feel that

"We are living, we are dwelling in a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling,—to be living is sublime."

Following is the tabulated report.

**TABULATED REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR OF THE W.R.C. FOR THE YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1910.**

Number of Corps in Department.	Number of Corps Reporting on Form V.	DEPARTMENTS.	DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS.	Number of Schools												How many Corps observed Peace and Arbitration Day, May 18?
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
64	.....	California and Nevada...	Kittie W. Liffier.....	186	93	34	114	146	211	3	27	4	76	...	14	
44	13	Colorado and Wyoming..	Mattie Bailey.....	152	53	21	29	39	85	...	...	...	...	16	...	
47	36	Connecticut.....	Hattie E. Mix.....	115	95	15	50	163	75	8	30	2	31	...	15	
14	...	Idaho.....	Mrs. Wheeler.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
221	88	Illinois.....	Frank L. Hubbard.....	444	539	44	98	187	369	10	67	1	500	1	35	
152	75	Indiana.....	Edna E. Pauley.....	362	332	117	486	449	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
213	90	Iowa.....	Belle C. Senn.....	460	352	70	300	268	219	16	78	4	39	8	63	
156	12	Kansas.....	Leah D. Scandrett.....	86	92	27	43	81	89	1	17	3	75	2	7	
19	1	Kentucky.....	Lena Volz.....	2	1	1	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	1	...	
63	24	Maine.....	Cora L. Prince.....	86	59	4	67	96	58	5	8	...	...	...	6	
16	...	Maryland.....	Anna Karcher.....	50	15	10	10	5	125	...	...	...	...	...	...
172	159	Massachusetts.....	Fanny E. Wheeler.....	1,035	951	166	297	460	1,324	15	137	7	189	23	99	
215	...	Michigan.....	Cora V. Perham.....	372	125	65	123	175	297	4	77	4	72	16	36	
97	57	Minnesota.....	Alice C. Warrington.....	359	275	14	42	66	193	...	42	...	...	...	42	
47	38	Missouri.....	Mary M. S. Gillson.....	586	355	28	50	105	1,150	23	300	100	1,500	...	28	
10	9	Montana.....	Alice L. Free.....	84	25	20	75	12	30	...	9	...	...	...	...
110	...	Nebraska.....	Mamie Fungeson.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
67	...	New Hampshire.....	Georgia B. Jones.....	275	74	37	98	181	467	...	44	...	...	...	...
22	...	New Jersey.....	Sarah P. Struthers.....	37	13	...	8	4	130	...	...	...	...	2	6	
235	105	New York.....	Julia A. Moynihan.....	461	244	64	134	171	200	14	100	16	318	10	62	
14	8	North Dakota.....	Sadie Matthews.....	28	49	24	19	54	129	...	6	...	...	4	3	
228	108	Ohio.....	Cora Day Young.....	1,694	461	192	308	577	543	41	87	17	78	1	66	
50	5	Oklahoma.....	Doll W. Clark.....	13	38	20	6	8	6	3	5	...	...	...	2	
39	16	Oregon.....	Clara Blythe.....	70	35	5	11	26	34	2	...	...	...	...	...

I am sure that the whole Order will be glad to know that sentiment in the South has changed within the last few years, and school officials not only receive flags with signs of pleasure when they are offered, but lend assistance by supplying poles and fixtures and arranging programs.

In one town in Kentucky, where there had never been a flag over a public building, the school board had a cement foundation laid and in it set a ninety-foot pole. The National W.R.C., through a veteran, presented a flag suitable for such a tall pole, and the principal of the high school prepared a program, some of the selections having been taken from our "Patriotic Selections."

We have sent a number of large flags to parochial schools this year. Large flags have been sent to all the southern States, and not only to city schools but to public and industrial schools everywhere, even in the mountains; anywhere, where we can help to educate loyal citizens. Oleographs of the origin of the Stars and Stripes, and Declaration of Independence charts, form a continuous line in the schools of the South.

Patriotic Primers and the Lincoln Primer have also been sent to schools in city, town and mountain hamlet.

I have distributed to children in the towns of the South about five hundred little flags, and many, many times told them the story of the colors, and why they should love the flag. May the seed sown bring forth a hundredfold!

From hundreds of letters received the following items are gleaned:

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA. California has a State law which provides for a flag above every schoolhouse and in every schoolroom. The members of both the G.A.R. and W.R.C. are active in promoting patriotism, and through their influence many of the churches of the State display flags.

COLORADO AND WYOMING. The W.R.C. see to it that schools are supplied with flags, and there is scarcely a building in any of the cities which has not a flag flying from its roof.

CONNECTICUT. This Department is great in work and in results. Minna M. Oldershaw did some splendid work, and her successor is following in her footsteps. She has prepared a fine program, and we shall hear further of Hattie E. Mix before the year ends.

IDAHO. This Department does not report any special work aside from the school work, but if that is pushed with vigor great will be the result.

ILLINOIS. This is a big Department and, of course, all the women are working with the fixed purpose of helping the veteran and making good citizens of the rising generation. The *Gazette* is published for the

W.R.C. by Mrs. Ida M. Trenary, and is a good exponent of the principles of our Order.

INDIANA. Keeping in the front rank, Indiana has made several good moves the past year. Mrs. Crisler issued a magnificent appeal to the patriotism of the teachers of the State, which cannot but bear fruit. She reports teachers all interested, and many superintendents very enthusiastic. Three hundred and thirty-seven large flags have been presented to schools, and 3,000 small flags to pupils. Flags have also been presented to churches and public libraries. The State Superintendent of Instruction, Professor Robert J. Aley, in speaking of honoring heroes and having special programs, says, "The Woman's Relief Corps is doing splendid work, by furnishing material for such celebrations and by keeping the duty of patriotism fresh in the minds of the people."

IOWA. The statistical report shows an increase along all lines of work, and it is gratifying to know that the patriotic work is pushed a little ahead of any other. Both Mrs. Basham, who was President last year, and Mrs. Kistner, who was Patriotic Instructor, prepared beautiful Flag drills, which were used in schools and by Corps, and these will be extensively used this year in preparing patriotic programs. Much personal work was done, and that always counts. When, in marching, the soldiers of '61-'65 touched elbows, they kept better step and were given fresh courage by that personal touch. Now let us touch elbows in this patriotic work, and we too shall keep step together and accomplish greater results.

KENTUCKY. A number of flags have been placed upon school buildings. Patriotic work is all uphill, but even a little done each year will tell upon the future.

KANSAS. From every part of the State come reports of united effort along patriotic lines. Grand programs were arranged by Corps for the holidays, and churches were thrown open for patriotic exercises. Many flags were presented to schools, churches and libraries, during the past year. In one town eight flags were given to as many churches, and in another seven.

MAINE. This Department has not much work to report, but interest is still kept up in the schools and no duty neglected.

MARYLAND. This State has always been conservative and that is a drawback when it comes to patriotic work, but the women have the vim and energy necessary to carry a point when it is right, so they have invaded the sacred precincts of the public schools, and flags are to be seen on all of the school buildings in Baltimore and on nearly all of the school buildings in the State. On Flag Day seventy-two thousand (72,000) small flags were given the school children, and they wore them with pride. In many of the country schools, talks have been

given upon the flag, what it stands for and our duty to it. The salute has also been taught. Custer Post and Corps of Baltimore have presented a large flag to the Baptist College in Shanghai, China, and as it floats from the high building it can be seen by ships for a long way from shore.

MASSACHUSETTS. All the patriots' birthdays are observed. The schools are well provided with flags and more than thirty-five hundred flags have been given to the children, who seem to appreciate them very much. Past Department President Mrs. Sawyer was honored by her Aides, who presented large silk flags to two schools in her home town, New Bedford, and twenty-four small flags. Nine silk flags have been presented to schools in a suburb of Boston through Fanny E. Wheeler, Department Patriotic Instructor. A splendid program for patriotic occasions has also been prepared by Mrs. Wheeler.

MICHIGAN. Bessie Redfield Dearing reports that the patriotic work is progressing, and that many flags have been presented to churches and public buildings, also that many Corps have sent in filled registers for the Francis Scott Key home.

MINNESOTA. Alice C. Warrington says that 123 more schools were visited this year than ever before, and about 100 more flags were given. There is a flag in almost every schoolroom in the State. All schools devote the afternoon of Friday before Memorial Day to a patriotic program. All this is due to the efforts of the W.R.C. They have also sent flags for schoolrooms in India and China and now are placing "Old Glory" in Sabbath schools. Mrs. Warrington says that the program given by the eighth grade public school graduating classes in Minneapolis was entirely of a patriotic nature. Roll-call, music, songs were all patriotic, and the closing scene was a tableau of flags, while one of the girls sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

MISSOURI. Mary M. S. Gillson has for many years held aloft our banner in this border State, and she has been indefatigable in disseminating literature and in presenting flags. Other flags have been given by the National through the members of the Grand Army, who find themselves in settlements where our flag is seldom, if ever seen. Ransom Corps is always ably assisted by the Post in anything undertaken, and these two have placed many flags in schools and see to it that all patriotic anniversaries are observed.

MISSISSIPPI. Jane B. Johnson reports many leaflets distributed, flags and oleographs placed in schoolrooms, and many schools visited.

MONTANA. Alice L. Free has undertaken patriotic work in this State of large opportunities. Much work has been done in the schools, but there is room for much more, and she promises to do it. The work for the Key home is being pushed. In Billings the W.R.C. has undertaken the task of building a house where Post and Corps may hold

their meetings and entertainments. Concerts are given by the band in one of the parks and the proceeds devoted to the work, and in many other ways the women are trying to add to their building fund.

NEBRASKA. In many of the schools special programs are arranged for patriotic anniversaries and nearly all the teachers are in full accord with the movement.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Up to the mark always and ever on the alert for work, Georgia B. Jones in her Circular Letter has this to say:

"I would suggest that all Corps Patriotic Instructors in the State bring before every school, so it may become general, this: 'That the teacher choose, by their deportment or standing, a boy or girl to be the color bearer for the year. That this year on June 14 (Flag Day) all the schools in each town where practicable meet together and the flag be presented to the one chosen by some member of the Grand Army; and, thereafter, on the 22d of February of each year, the flag be presented by one standard bearer to another.' This would give the scholars an object to work for."

NEW YORK. Aside from the fact that this large Department attends to work in the schools, some of the Corps send money to families of deceased needy veterans for funeral expenses, sometimes bearing the entire expense. Hundreds of flags have been placed in school-rooms this year, and the promise is bright for greater work during the coming year.

NORTH DAKOTA. Although a small Department, the women are active and the schools are generally visited, and flags are furnished for the interiors.

OHIO. This big Department does stupendous work, for all pull together. Newspapers in many of the towns have been induced to print articles which will incite to a deeper interest in things patriotic. Sadie D. Chapman says: "We have endeavored to teach the children that it has been the royal lot of Americans to give to the world typical liberty of their forefathers, Constitutional integrity of their fathers, and the 'new humanity' of their sons and grandsons." The Instructors have visited 1,694 schools. Ohio has suffered a great loss in the "passing on" of that grand woman, Hannah U. Maxon, but we must consider that the Master had use for her in His own presence and submit to His will, while as human beings we grieve that she is not with us, as of yore.

OKLAHOMA. Busy always, she has not fallen behind this year, but is doing good work with the school children, and in placing flags where they will be an inspiration to all.

OREGON. Sarah M. Heustis pushed the work well forward the past year, and reports many schools as observing all the anniversaries.

PENNSYLVANIA. The report from this large Department is, that she is not behind her sisters, but is pushing patriotic teaching so energetically that it has a place in the regular work of nearly all the schools. Flags are kept flying on school buildings and are displayed in the rooms. Jennie S. Riday made a good officer the past year.

POTOMAC. Georgiana D. Van Fleet sends a good report. This Department was one of the first to take up patriotic teaching, and within a month after our Order had decreed that we should go into the public schools, had, through their committee, introduced the salute to the flag in all the schools of the District of Columbia. They also introduced a bill in Congress, which became a law, providing for flags upon all the school buildings in the District of Columbia, thus being among the pioneers in that line. Effective flag work is done by all the Corps, and Flag Day is always observed with an attractive program in one of the churches.

RHODE ISLAND. Mabel P. Thomson says that her Department is doing good work. Many of the Corps furnish flags for the caskets of deceased comrades, and all unite with the Posts in observing Memorial Day.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Minnie R. Matthews has been active in the work and makes a good report. Early in her administration she sent out a Circular Letter which contained the true ring of patriotism.

TENNESSEE. Elizabeth W. Pentacost did telling work the past year in this Department, where it is not all smooth sailing. There are many snags and shoals to run against, but her staunch vessel never struck, but went sailing on until a splendid report is the result.

Schools were visited, flags presented and patriotic literature distributed.

It takes not only work, and much of it, but courage and undying zeal to accomplish what this Patriotic Instructor has accomplished this year. Mary E. Gould is the newly appointed officer, and she has already begun work and will present a flag to a ward school as soon as it opens in the fall.

TEXAS. Flags have been sent to Texas and have been presented by the present Department Patriotic Instructor, Clara M. Alt, who says she has much patriotic work outlined. Memorial Sunday was observed for the first time this year, and flowers were strewn upon the water on Memorial Day.

UTAH. This Department has so recently been organized that as a whole they have made no report, but Corps report good work done in the schools.

VERMONT. All the work seems done and no report of anything new has been received.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA. They are pressing forward in this Department and many schools have been visited, and a greater number of flags have been placed this year than ever before.

WEST VIRGINIA. The National has sent several flags to this State, and they have been judiciously placed. Lavinia Haberfield deserves credit for her zeal. A large flag was given a Catholic parish school, and each child, also the parish priest and the sisters, were presented with small flags. To one of the county schools the Corps and Post of Wheeling went in three wagons to take part in the presentation ceremonies. The National also sent Mrs. Haberfield a large flag for the Cathedral High School, which is a Catholic military school.

WISCONSIN. Lillian L. Williams does much work herself, but she longs for more workers and for reports of the work which others have done.

DETACHED CORPS.

ARIZONA. Globe was the only Corps which reported, and Martha K. Wiley has rendered good service in her office in that town. She has flags and literature in the school there. ARKANSAS sent reports from all the Corps, and they are especially praiseworthy. GEORGIA is arousing from her slumbers, and the Corps at Fitzgerald is going to see that she keeps up with the trend of events. Flags are flying in that town, and all its schools are supplied.

In SAVANNAH they seem proud of our banner, and when there is a convention or other gathering, the houses and public buildings are gayly decorated with flags. NEW MEXICO reports through No. 1, of Albuquerque, that the schools are visited and flags are displayed upon the walls. NORTH CAROLINA goes steadily on with work in the schools, and SOUTH CAROLINA makes an excellent showing, with patriotic literature lavishly distributed, and small flags given for schoolrooms, while several large flags have been given to schools throughout the State.

The work has made tremendous strides this year, and all along the line the watchword has been "Advance."

Each year the work grows in area and in importance, as those who have been interested in it from its inception are able to testify. We shall not be satisfied until every schoolhouse all over the land has a flagstaff from which "Old Glory" ripples to the breeze every school day in the year.

Following are the Letters issued during the year.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, }
 WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 SNOW HILL, MD., October 1, 1909. }

Circular Letter, }
 No. 1. }

To all Patriotic Instructors and Presidents of Detached Corps,

GREETING: Having been appointed National Patriotic Instructor by our National President, Jennie I. Berry, I enter upon the duties of the office fully realizing the great responsibility, and I urge every member of our Order to "lend a hand" in this important work, so that our efforts shall be such, that they shall "tell on ages" for the good of this great Republic.

Do we realize that "wide open and unguarded stand our gates"?

The report sent out by the Government last August states that during the fiscal year 944,235 aliens were admitted through those gates. The largest class were Italians, numbering 78,730, with Hebrews next, numbering 37,415.

The grand total of immigration from September 30, 1820, up to and including the past fiscal year is given as 26,852,723.

Our work is especially needed among the aliens who bring their peculiar "isms" to this land of the free.

Where shall we begin?

By all means with the children, whose minds are impressionable, and who will readily respond to kindness and love, and thus absorb the lessons we shall endeavor to teach.

Let us arise and go forth to work, recognizing the importance of the glorious mission which is ours.

Grand possibilities hang in the balance!

Grasp the opportunity, sow the seed of patriotism, and the future will show a magnificent harvest of loyal citizens.

Do not neglect to display our glorious banner.

See that it floats over every schoolhouse, and is flying from homes on holidays.

Obtain permission to teach the salute to the flag in the schools, and the story of the flag over and over, until all know the glorious history which is written on every stripe and star.

Have flag drills for the children, and invite the parents to witness them.

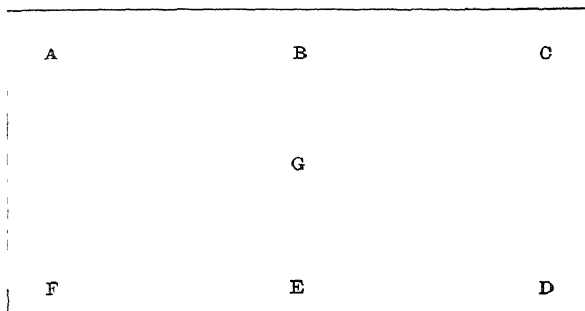
Here is a simple one. Eight girls in drill, eight in guard of honor and a flag bearer.

Girls in drill are numbered from 1 to 8.

The odd numbers carry flags against the right shoulder.

The even numbers carry flags against the left shoulder.

By M. M. N.



Enter at A, in single file. March from A to B, to C to D, to E to F, to A to B.

No. 1 crosses to F followed by odd numbers, while No. 2 crosses to D followed by even numbers. Both go to E and meet marching by couples to G where they separate, No. 1 going to A followed by the odd numbers, No. 2 to C followed by the even numbers. Both turn to B to meet, No. 1 going to F followed by the odd numbers, No. 2 to D followed by the even numbers. Turn to E to meet when No. 1 goes to G and stands, followed by No. 2, etc., and all in single file march around No. 1, No. 2 standing after the first round, No. 3 after the next round, and so on until all are wound around No. 1, who holds her flag aloft, and all point their flags to it so that the colors are massed.

A chord on the piano stops them a moment. Another chord causes them to unwind, in reverse order, then No. 8 goes to A, 7 to B, 6 to C, 5 to D, 4 to E, 3 to F, 2 and 1 remain at G to form a star, all facing center. At chord, all face front and step in place to form semicircle, and greet flag which approaches from back of hall, borne by a small boy, accompanied by eight girls as guard of honor. All halt in front of stage.

Those on platform say:

Our Country's flag we greet,
Emblem of freedom true, —
May Justice and Mercy e'er meet,
'Neath its folds of red, white and blue.

(Flag is carried to platform, while guard waits below.)

Flag halts in center, face to girls, —*chord*. Girls salute, saying:

"I pledge my allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." (Or, "We give our hearts and our hands to God and our country; one country, one language, one flag.")

All point to flag, which is dipped in salute, then bearer turns and faces audience. *Chord.* All join in singing "The Star Spangled Banner," the audience standing.

Flags are waved while singing chorus.

The flag is held at G. No. 1 steps to right, No. 2 to left just in front of flag, and hold aloft their flags to form an arch. At chord, flag bearer goes under arch followed by 8, 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3, in single file. 1 and 2 still standing in place.

The others march around stage once, then under flags again, being joined by the escort as they march out waving their flags, 1 and 2 bringing up the rear. All through the drill there should be soft music.

Patriotic programs should frequently be arranged, especially in rural districts.

Obtain permission from the school board before making suggestions in schools.

Flags may be given as prizes for patriotic essays.

The loyalty pin can be used as a medal of honor, where there have been essays submitted by more than three pupils upon the theme of The Flag and the School.

If possible get three prominent citizens to be the judges, and let the presentation take place upon Commencement night, or at some time when a large audience can be gathered, and a patriotic program rendered. Remember that our object is to arouse sentiment, and eventually to make of our young people good citizens of this great Republic.

Patriotism is the vital breath of a nation, and we should try with all our God-given powers to promote it.

Great and good men have held prominent places in our official life.

Recognize their worth and deeds, in a befitting manner.

Be sure to emphasize the observance of all national anniversaries: McKinley's birthday, January 29; Lincoln's birthday, February 12; Washington's birthday, February 22; Grant's birthday, April 27; Peace and Arbitration Day, May 18; Memorial Sunday, the Sunday preceding May 30; Memorial Day, May 30; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; and Citizens' Sunday, the first Sunday in October.

We are the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and share their joys and sorrows, their reunions and camp-fires, therefore let us help them in magnifying all these occasions, by our aid and influence. Let us also show our loyalty to their interests by helping to recruit the great number of eligibles who are not members of any Post. This too is patriotic work, and while we do this can we not use our influence with the hundreds of good and true women who are not, but who should be, members of the Woman's Relief Corps, working with us who have stood the heat and burden of the day, in promulgating the principles of our Order?

Now is the time for work, if we would make for that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

"You ask me for the golden time,
 I bid you 'seize the hour,'
 And fill it full of earnest work,
 While yet you have the power
 Today, the golden time for joy,
 Beneath the household eaves,
 Today the royal time for work,
 For 'bringing in the sheaves'"

Faithfully yours, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

MARY M. NORTH,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*

Official:

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN, *National Secretary.*

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, W.R.C. }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 SNOW HILL, MD., April 28, 1910. }

Circular Letter, }
 No. 2. }

To Patriotic Instructors:

GREETING: We have entered upon the second half of the year's work and it is a good time to pause and ask, "What shall the harvest be?" then take fresh courage, and go on with such zeal and interest that we shall enthrall all with whom we come in contact.

We are working, not for today or tomorrow only, but for all time. Do we realize that every vessel which comes to our wide-open gates brings hundreds of receptive hearts and waiting hands, which we may be able to reach and satisfy?

Let us not wait for a convenient season, but make opportunities to reach those who need instruction such as we stand pledged to give. If possible, visit the schools upon the anniversaries as they roll around, and speak upon the theme of patriotism before the children, and thus sow seed which may bring forth a glorious harvest.

Statistics show that the public schools of America surpass in numbers all the standing armies of Europe.

See to it that the flag of our country floats over this great army every school day, and teach these children of ours, and of those who have sought freedom here, the salute to the flag.

Memorial Day — our sacred day — should be spoken of in an impressive manner to the children.

Do not fail to tell its story over and over, and marshal the children to go with you and the Grand Army of the Republic, when flowers are scattered upon the "low green mounds."

Recount the deeds of our heroes, and teach what our victorious banner stands for.

If we make patriots of the children, we need not fear for the future of our nation, for it will be in safe hands.

Flag Day — June 14 — should be observed in a manner befitting a great and glorious country, which has been victorious in every war where our banner has stood for right and justice.

Visit stores, factories and public buildings where heretofore the flag has not been displayed, and request that it be thrown to the breeze. Make a request through the papers that housekeepers also hang out the flag upon that day.

Urge Corps to hold public meetings in a hall or church, to which the public should be invited, to listen to addresses made by prominent citizens. Ask school officials to have special exercises in their schools, and if possible assist them.

If your Department has a fund for patriotic work, be sure to present flags to schools which have none

If all of your own schools are supplied, there are hundreds of schools in other sections of the country where flags might be sent.

Remember that "the heart grows rich with giving," and every flag as it rises and falls on the breeze is a great lesson in patriotism.

Patriotic selections will assist you in making programs. These may be obtained of your Department Treasurer at five cents a copy. Urge the Corps in your Department to become interested in the movement to purchase and preserve to the nation the home of Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star Spangled Banner." What is done must be done quickly. Full information may be obtained by writing the manager, C. H. Weisgerber, Washington, D.C.

Literature on Humane Teaching and instructions for organizing Bands of Mercy can be obtained free by sending to Mr. Guy Richardson, 45 Milk Street, Boston, Mass.

In closing I would remind you to send me a full report of the work done in your Department from June 1, 1909, to June 1, 1910, *not later than July 1, 1910*, so that you may have proper credit in my report to National Convention.

Let us all advance in the work this year, and make it a year of grand results.

Loyally yours,

MARY M. NORTH,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*

Official:

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN, *National Secretary.*

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, W.R.C. }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
SNOW HILL, MD., Jan. 1, 1910. }

To Department Patriotic Instructors:

Dear Co-worker: Forms V and VV have been forwarded to you, and I trust that you will acknowledge receipt of them at once. Forward early in April three copies of Form V to each Corps Patriotic Instructor. If any blanks remain when your term of office expires you should turn them over, without delay, to your successor in office, and send me her full name and address. If your term expires before June first, you should make a report to your successor so that she may report the full year's work to me not later than June first. I am sending you two copies of Form VVV. "Patriotic Selections" may be ordered from the National Treasurer, Charlotte E. Wright, 1036 Townsend Ave., New Haven, Conn., at five cents each. Use your influence to have them used by all the Corps in your Department.

Wishing you a prosperous year I am,

Yours in F., C. and L.

MARY M. NORTH,
National Patriotic Instructor, W.R.C.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR, W.R.C. }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
SNOW HILL, MD., Jan. 1, 1910. }

To Presidents of Detached Corps:

Dear Co-worker: As I have not the name of the Patriotic Instructor, I am sending this to you with the request that you place it and the enclosed blanks in her hands. She should send me one, properly filled out, not later than June first. If any blanks are left in her hands when she goes out of office, she should turn them over to her successor in office, and send me her full name and address. She should also report her work to her successor so that the year's record may be complete when it is sent to me June first. A copy of "Patriotic Selections" has been sent you, and it is earnestly desired that you use your influence to have the Corps purchase copies. It is for sale by National Treasurer Charlotte E. Wright, 1036 Townsend Ave., New Haven, Conn., at five cents each.

Wishing you a prosperous year, I am,

Yours in F., C. and L.

MARY M. NORTH,
National Patriotic Instructor, W.R.C.

In conclusion I want to thank, from my heart, the National President for giving me this happy year of service along this my chosen line of work for the remaining years of my life. I have been engaged in teaching patriotism in the schools for many years, and this additional work was just enlarging the field a little.

Mrs. Berry has arisen to the occasion whenever there was an emergency call, and she has not been found wanting in any particular. Kind, courteous, faithful and loyal she is always, and I pray God's richest blessings may rest upon her.

I thank the National Secretary, Treasurer, and all other National officers for all their helpful letters and words of encouragement.

I appreciate the courtesies which I have received from Department Presidents, in the way of General Orders and invitations.

I feel a very close bond existing between the members of my "official family," the Department Patriotic Instructors of 1909 and 1910, and I thank them for their cheery letters and loving messages, so often sent during the year. I can never forget their constancy and loving work.

Our official printer, Mr. Stillings, has been a tower of strength whenever his help was needed in the work, and hearty thanks are extended to him. There are Past National officers and present National officers and other friends who counseled and advised when I sought them, during the year, and especially when the "Patriotic Selections" were in course of preparation, and to them I give a meed of praise and many thanks.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant has stood by with counsel and encouragement ever ready, and to him I give loyal support and hearty thanks.

To my co-worker J. B. Lewis, Patriotic Instructor of the Grand Army of the Republic, I say thank you, for many helpful hints, words of good cheer, and offers of help, with many courtesies, which I have not space to enumerate. He is a Patriotic Instructor without a peer.

Last, but not least, our "sponsor for the flag," Captain Wallace Foster, the staunch friend of the Woman's Relief Corps and the true lover of "Old Glory."

His wise counsel was always at my command, and his years of experience awaited my call. He held very dear the interests of our Order in all the dealings which I had with him the past year, and always has, in the many years in which we have worked together in disseminating the seeds of patriotism. I thank him for all that he has done for our beloved Order and for this office. He is honest and faithful in all his dealings.

The newspapers have been liberal with space for my work for the

W.R.C., and I have found their columns always open for anything which I had to offer.

And now, the year is at its close. "What shall the harvest be?" We may not say. The seed has been sown, and the results are with Him who ruleth the destinies of men and of nations.

I have administered the trust, as God gave me to see the right, and that the future may be freighted with all that we desire is my earnest prayer. The work grows, and to the Woman's Relief Corps comes the call, "Go forward."

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MARY M. NORTH,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT, W.R.C.,
1166 WEST 39TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CAL., July 25, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: To you, and through you to the Twenty-eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, as National Press Correspondent I submit in detail my report of the press work from the several Departments and Detached Corps.

The honor came unsought, and when tendered by our National President I gratefully accepted the same, feeling her confidence in me should not be misplaced. The work was mine to do; the honor I was willing to share with my Department.

The work this year has taken much time, labor and postage, but we feel the "return" for the same will be "gains" for the Order. We are keeping step with other fraternal organizations that are served by the public press. Progress has been our motto, and the "power of the press" is ours if we grasp the opportunity.

My official correspondence has been large, but the pleasure has been mine to keep in touch with my co-workers. "My girls" have been very loyal to me, and faithful in serving their several Departments. The Corps Press Correspondents are the links between the Woman's Relief Corps and the public. To them we look for news, and if each Corps President would fill that office and see that the officer did her part in the work, the Woman's Relief Corps, the largest woman's organization, would take its rightful place as a leading Order, known and recognized by the world in its work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

PRESS BLANKS.

The new press blanks, Forms X and XX, were sent out by Comrade Stillings, our official printer, reaching Departments in time for distribution by Department Press Correspondents. Form XXX was mailed to Department Press Correspondents from the office of National

Press Correspondent. Realizing some explicit instructions were needed, Circular Letter No. 2 was issued. Later Form X was forwarded from my office to all the Detached Corps, at the same time Circular Letter of Instructions No. 4 was sent to those Corps.

There has been much interest awakened, and only words of praise for the press blanks. Some of the Department Press Correspondents feel with myself that Form XXX is not as explicit as it should be. Question No. 1 asks: "The *number* of Corps Press Correspondents in your Department?" Every Corps is supposed to have a Press Correspondent (but such is not always the case), and that officer is expected to report to the Department Press Correspondent, which they do not. I note in returns on Form XXX, comparing with Department statistics, that a very small per cent ever reported or returned Form X to their Department Press Correspondent.

Therefore, to reach the standard we have set for our press work, I make

Recommendation No. 1. That the following questions be added on Form XXX, Press Correspondents' blanks, viz.:

11. Number of Corps Press Correspondents reporting?
12. Number of Corps in Department?

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT, W.R.C., }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 1166 WEST 39TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 20, 1909.

Circular Letter, }
 No. 1. }

To all Department and Corps Press Correspondents:

GREETING:

Your official co-worker from the Pacific slope realizes the National Press Correspondent's office is a "far cry" from the Atlantic shore, but we promise to release the news and endeavor to fill space, if the Correspondents will furnish the "copy" through their several Departments — Corps to Department Press Correspondents, who will see that they reach the National Press Correspondent.

I pledge my best efforts in behalf of our organization, and ask the assistance of each one to try and make the coming year one of renewed activity.

The new blanks will soon be forwarded. By them our work will be unified, and reports on these blanks will aid both Corps and Department Press Correspondents.

Let me urge you to get in touch with all the papers you can. Make your articles *short*, news *fresh*, and write on *one* side of the paper only. Forget not the days we celebrate. Our object must be to place our Order

before the public. There is but one Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps is its Auxiliary.

Let me urge you not to neglect any opportunity to advance our patriotic work. I would suggest that Department Press Correspondents call the attention of their Corps Press Correspondents to the Francis Scott Key Memorial Association, whose object is to purchase and maintain the historic home of the author of the "Star Spangled Banner," located at Washington, D.C., and that each Corps Press Correspondent try to fill a blank register of thirty names (10 cents each), and thus become members of the Memorial Association, and assist in preserving this landmark among the historic shrines of the nation. Charles H. Weisberger, Washington, D.C., will gladly furnish blanks.

Let us get busy, and *progress* be our motto.

Department Press Correspondents are requested to kindly send to this office their addresses, and the number of Corps Press Correspondents in their jurisdiction.

Let us work together, remembering "the strength of a chain lies in its weakest link."

Faithfully yours, in F., C. and L.

MARGARET GAREY WRIGHT,
National Press Correspondent, W.R.C.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN, *National Secretary.*

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT, W.R.C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

1166 WEST 39TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CAL., Jan. 24, 1910.

Circular Letter, }
No. 2. }

To Department and Corps Press Correspondents:

GREETING:

The new Press Correspondents' blanks are now ready to be forwarded to Department Press Correspondents, and will be sent direct from the office of the official printer, E. B. Stillings, 368 Congress Street, Boston.

A sufficient quantity of Form X, Corps Correspondents' blanks, will be sent each Department Press Correspondent, to allow three copies for each Corps Press Correspondent and some extra in case of an emergency.

There will also be sent in same package enough Form XX for tabulating Form X, by Department Press Correspondents.

The National Press Correspondent will personally forward Form XXX in ample time for Department Press Correspondents to consolidate their reports.

Corps Press Correspondents are requested to study Form X carefully (especially the footnote), and fill out the same and forward to Department Press Correspondent not later than June 1, 1910.

Department Press Correspondents must tabulate Form X on Form XX, and forward a consolidated report on Form XXX, not later than July 1, 1910, to the National Press Correspondent.

Department Press Correspondents are requested to mail three copies of Form X to each Corps Press Correspondent without delay and give such instructions as they deem necessary.

While the blanks are new to the Order, they follow closely the system used by Patriotic Instructors, therefore are simple, comprehensive and easily understood.

The National Press Correspondent requests the cordial coöperation of Department and Corps Press Correspondents in the use of these blanks, which will enable her to make a report to National Convention creditable to all concerned.

Department Press Correspondents are requested to immediately acknowledge receipt of these blanks to Comrade E. B. Stillings, 368 Congress Street, Boston, Mass.

They are also requested to notify the National Press Correspondent of the name and full address of their successors in office, and to immediately thereafter turn over to them all blanks in their possession, and give them all instructions and information possible.

Faithfully yours, in F., C. and L.

MARGARET GAREY WRIGHT,
National Press Correspondent, W.R.C.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN, *National Secretary.*

OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT, W.R.C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
1166 WEST 39TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb., 1910.

To Department Press Correspondent:

MY DEAR CO-WORKER: Press Correspondents' blanks have been forwarded direct to you from E. B. Stillings (official printer, Boston, Mass.). I trust ere this comes to hand you have promptly acknowledged receipt of blanks to Mr. Stillings.

With this letter find two blanks, Form XXX, from National Press Correspondent for consolidated report to her of work in your Department. If possible, try and send as complete report as you can so your Department may have credit for work done. Be prompt and have your report to me in my hands by July 1, 1910. If you have failed to receive blanks X, XX, XXX notify me immediately and you will be supplied from MY OFFICE.

Department Press Correspondents will kindly send to National Press Correspondent copy of their circular letters, and will turn over to their successors in office ALL supplies in their hands.

Try and report the work for YOUR year. If your term expires prior to June, 1910, give your successor such information as will enable her to report from January, 1910, to June, 1910, so that your work may be complete.

If possible send name and full address of your successor to my office. If you are in doubt as to your work, advise me and I am yours to help.

If EVERY Press Correspondent will do her best in reporting I feel assured we can make this department of our work in the Order a power.

Let each one

"Bring the sheaves they gathered;
The trophies they have won."

Faithfully yours, in F., C. and L.

MARGARET GAREY WRIGHT,
National Press Correspondent, W.R.C.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT, W.R.C., }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
1166 WEST 39TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb., 1910.

To Detached Corps Presidents and Press Correspondents:

GREETING:

Find enclosed three copies of the new Press Correspondents' blanks. Please fill out the same by your Corps Press Correspondent and return one copy to National Press Correspondent's office not later than June 15th, 1910 (find enclosed addressed envelope for return of blanks to this office); erase the word "Department" where it occurs and write "National."

File one copy for future reference. Please notify National Press Correspondent, giving full address of President and Corps Press Correspondent. Please make full report so your Corps may stand accredited in my report to the National President.

If your Corps is doing any special work, make note of same under "Remarks."

If there is anything you fail to understand about the press blanks, write to me for information.

Faithfully yours, in F., C. and L.

MARGARET GAREY WRIGHT,
National Press Correspondent, W.R.C.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*

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REPORTS.

Form X outlines the work expected of the Corps Press Correspondents, the "rank and file" of our co-workers. To them we look for news of the Posts and Corps. If the Corps Press Correspondents will heed the headlines and observe the footnote on Form X, much annoyance and delay will be saved both Department and National Press Correspondents. There should be more coöperation between Corps Press Correspondents and Corps Presidents. Presidents should see that their appointed officers are doing the work intrusted to them as installed officers. Therefore I make

Recommendation No. 2. That Corps Presidents request Corps Press Correspondents to prepare news items and see that they are placed in their local paper, and a written report from Corps Press Correspondents sent to Department Press Correspondents semi-annually, June and December 1.

Much delay in returns from the Press Correspondents to their Department Press Correspondents worked a hardship on those officers who wished to be prompt in their reports to the National office. Therefore I make

Recommendation No. 3. That Corps Presidents see that their Corps Press Correspondents fill out Form X and return same promptly to their Department Press Correspondent, not later than June 1, so that Department Press Correspondents may tabulate the same on Form XX and file same at their Department Headquarters.

Many of Form XXX were sent to my office, not signed by either Department Press Correspondent, Department President or name of Department. To avoid the same trouble for my successor, and in order that Departments get credit for "returns," each officer should report the work for her official term. Therefore I make

Recommendation No. 4. That Department Presidents require Department Press Correspondents to tabulate Form X on Form XX, filing same at Department Headquarters prior to their Convention; also, to see that Department Press Correspondents consolidate on Form XXX and have the same officially signed and returned to National Press Correspondent not later than July 1.

To facilitate the work of Department Press Correspondents I would suggest:

That Department Press Correspondents, with approval of Department President, issue two Circular Letters: one soon after their installation, requesting name and address of each Corps Press Correspondent, so she may compile a roster for her own convenience, and thus enable her to keep in touch with her co-workers; a second, when she sends out Form X to Corps Press Correspondents, giving them such instructions as may be helpful to them and insure more prompt returns of Form X to her office.

RÉSUMÉ OF DEPARTMENTS.

I regret space will not allow me to give in full the work done by Corps and Department Press Correspondents. From the Pine Tree State to the everglades of Florida, from "shore to shore," from Alaska to Mexico, news items, clippings and letters have found their way to the Pacific Slope Press Office. From data received during three years' service under Past National Press Correspondent Mary M. North, with the "matter" gathered this year, we hope some day to collate the same and preserve these bits of W.R.C. work.

With pride we note the progress of the press work, the prosperity of our Departments, the Silver Jubilees and Twenty-fifth Anniversaries among Posts and Corps; surely the quarter of a century's work is telling the story, and the record made one to stimulate us to greater effort as an Order of patriotic women.

If I may be pardoned the personality, would like to chronicle a bit of Corps history in the Department of California and Nevada. Stanton No. 16 was instituted in Los Angeles, October 5, 1885, by Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President, W.R.C., with seventeen charter members (only one remains, Lavinia H. Miller). This Corps has enrolled over twelve hundred members, and has been honored by the names of twenty army nurses on its roster; twelve are still on the roll of a membership of 398 in good standing. This Corps has disbursed in cash (including the annual donation of \$60.00 to the W.R.C. Home at Evergreen, since 1899) \$13,400.75 for charity, with \$6,700.00 in relief other than money, making a total of \$20,100.75. A burial plot for the members, costing \$500.00, has been purchased in Rosedale Cemetery. The amount collected and expended in patriotic work has been freely given, and today from far-away India, over the Mission School at Calcutta, and over the prehistoric ruins of Casa Grande in Arizona, and the Mexican school in Alamogordo, New Mexico, "Old Glory" floats, with its wonderful inspiration, honored and respected by all the world. This is some of the work that has been accomplished through the members of Stanton No. 16, Department of California and Nevada. October 5, 1910, they celebrate their quarter of a century, over 400 strong in members, but stronger in the work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. This Department has responded nobly in behalf of the Scott Key Memorial. The writer has personally filled ten registers (thirty names in each), besides placing many blanks among personal friends in other Departments. All reports manifest the spirit of loyalty of those devoted to the interests of our Order.

TABULATED REPORT OF NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT, W.R.C., FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1910.

DEPARTMENTS.	DEPARTMENT PRESS CORRESPONDENTS.	Number of Corps in Department.	1 Number of Corps re- porting.	2 Number of daily papers.	3 Number of weekly pa- pers.	4 Number of daily papers giving space.	5 Number of weekly pa- pers giving space.	9 Number of outside pa- pers giving space.	7 Number of Corps Press Correspondents pub- lishing items promptly	8 Number Corps Press Correspondents report- ing items to Corps.	9 No. Corps Press Corre- spondents sending guar- anteed reports to Dept. Press Correspondents.	10 No. Corps Press Corre- spondents reporting in- terest to Dept. Press Correspondents.
California and Nevada.....	Lizzie Condy.....	65	62	122	142	77	57	39	59	37	38	44
Colorado and Wyoming.....	Lottie Morgan.....	45	30	33	33	24	18	14	16	14	15	15
Connecticut.....	Hattie L. Forbes.....	49	26	56	53	42	24	13	30	10	30	30
Idaho.....	Ella M. Cole.....	15	5	5	6	4	4	1	5	7	...	5
Illinois.....	Arloria Lopp.....	221	160	83	144	55	80	41	85	65	90	48
Iowa.....	Mattie E. Armstrong.....	214	150	54	212	40	146	42	92	82	92	20
Kansas.....	Mona Munson.....	163	24	30	30	22	29	24	24	19	11	17
Kentucky.....	Jane Ellis Moore.....	20	6	13	8	10	5	1	6	6	...	...
Louisiana (provisional).....	Clara Sharp.....	22	30	8	22	15	23	1	25	15	12	19
Maine.....	Harriet Andrews.....	63	30	135	142	107	99	90	135	110	80	163
Maryland.....	Lydia E. Trelom.....	16	172	135	174	54	112	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts.....	Emma A. Henry.....	214	100	68	174	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	Julia E. McClure.....	90	100	10	14	22	27	16	23	22	26	10
Minnesota.....	Margaret Shaw.....	10	10	28	14	5	3	...	10	10	10	5
Missouri (provisional).....	Elaine Hutchinson.....	48	40	49	58	...	...	...	2	2	2	2
Montana.....	Leunie Webb.....	10	3	2	...	...	...	...	3	8	7	11
Nebraska.....	Ada I. Heine.....	109	20	26	23	5	14	3	18	24	28	24
New Hampshire.....	Arvilla H. Thompson.....	67	34	15	41	17	32	15	15	13	7	8
New York.....	Mary H. Baneroff.....	23	15	20	15	14	8	4	13	63	21	31
North Dakota.....	Eva A. Davis.....	234	78	95	112	86	96	40	73	...	...	...
Ohio.....	Jean McNaughton Stevens.....	16	7	8	180	95	0	13	3	70	35	2
Oldahoma.....	Augusta Lawson.....	223	97	108	130	19	19	12	12	11	11	39
Oregon.....	Maudie Clatter.....	39	25	10	22	16	22	2	13	13	6	10
Pennsylvania.....	Alice Malloy.....	103	122	108	108	66	59	23	58	50	6	9
Potomac.....	Anna A. Peck.....	9	4	4	2	4	...	4	9	9	5	2
Rhode Island.....	Lillian B. Luther.....	15	6	3	3	1	1	...	4	14	...	25
South Dakota.....	Hattie Rathmel.....	48	14	2	3	...	...	...	25	...	...	...
Tennessee.....	Mahala A. Archer.....	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Texas.....	Maudie Nolan.....	67	40	9	19	6	23	5	4	4	32	4
Vermont.....	Maude Blackford.....	6	13	29	29	10	13	1	32	32	...	54
Washington.....	John Kellogg.....	62	31	4	21	9	24	5	32	32	32	58
Washington and Alaska.....	Cora Baker.....	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia.....	Mary Riley.....	10	56	43	131	251	77	7	51	45	27	20
Wisconsin.....	Cora E. Harris.....	148	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Departments.....	Total Departments.....	2,836	1,303	1,266	1,805	1,134	1,139	898	1,009	835	612	765

SUMMARY

Number of Departments		37
Number of Departments reporting		32
Number of Corps in Departments		2,836
Number of Corps in Departments reporting.		1,303
Number of Detached Corps		46
Number of Detached Corps reporting		10
	Departments.	Detached Corps.
Number of daily papers reported	1,266	19
Number of weekly papers reported	1,865	21
Number of daily papers giving space	1,134	13
Number of weekly papers giving space	1,139	7
Number of outside papers giving space	398	4
Number of Corps Press Correspondents publishing items promptly	1,009	6
Number of Corps Press Correspondents reporting items to Corps	809	4
Number of Corps Press Correspondents sending quarterly reports to Departments or National Press Correspondent	612	1
Number of Corps Press Correspondents reporting items of especial interest to Departments or National Press Correspondent	755	
Number of daily papers giving space		1,147
Number of weekly papers giving space		1,146
Number of outside papers giving space.		402
Total number of papers giving space.		2,695

CALIFORNIA. Blanche M. Hemstock, Department Press Correspondent, placed Mrs. Knauff's article on W.R.C. work in the leading papers; prepared fine report of her work to Department Convention, showing increase in membership and interest and progress along patriotic and press lines, and emphasizes "that Corps Presidents are urged to impress the duties of the office upon those selected to perform the press work." Mrs. Hemstock prepared and published, prior to Convention, a fine article on the Order in California and Nevada, and as a National body; and Lizzie H. Condry, present Press Correspondent, has issued Circular Letter, and we feel with the new blanks to unify the work, and her zeal and devotion to the Order, California and Nevada will still progress.

COLORADO AND WYOMING. The home Department of our National Senior Vice-President, as usual, has done good work. The *Rocky Mountain Herald* is their official organ, and offers its best columns to the G.A.R. and W.R.C. Elma Danford, Department Press Correspondent, offered a prize to the Corps Press Correspondent sending in the most items; surely such an offer must have brought "news," and made some Corps Press Correspondent the happier for having done her whole duty. Stella A. Kyle, Department President, offered a gold recognition pin to the Aide presenting the most names for membership in their respective Corps.

January, 1910, membership 2,150. Gain during quarter, 47. Cash for relief during quarter, \$559.93. Relief other than money during quarter, \$698.05.

CONNECTICUT. Always to the fore in patriotic work. "Something doing" all along the line. The home Department of our beloved National Treasurer, Charlotte E. Wright, Connecticut creates much interest among the members by not forgetting the birthdays. This custom is certainly a Godsend to the shut-ins, unable to attend their Corps meetings. Notable among the birthdays was the shower of post cards from all over the United States that fell on the seventieth birthday of Past National President Harriet J. Bodge; over six hundred cards, and only two duplicates. Notwithstanding it was the "dry season" in California, that Department contributed a few drops to the shower. Connecticut has been favored in having a *live* Department Press Correspondent, and the columns of the Middletown *Sun* are always open to the G.A.R. and W.R.C. Leola S. Young has done her part, and "on time." Many new members have been added, counting a membership of over 3,000, and as an incentive to increase the membership the Department offered a 14-karat Loyalty pin to the winning Corps initiating the most members between January and April 1, 1910. May 19, 1910, Soldiers' Home Day was celebrated at Noroton, and W.R.C. Home Day at Cromwell in June. These events

are looked forward to each year by the inmates of both Homes. Truly it is "more blessed to give than receive."

IDAHO. Home Department of our National Chaplain, Clara L. Campbell, is doing the work that comes to her hand, in spite of many drawbacks. When we think of their Department Chaplain eighty-three years old and Treasurer seventy, one must commend the faithfulness of those who have passed their three score and ten, and regret there are so few young members to help in the work.

ILLINOIS. Favored in having trained press women among her members, aims to keep her Department to the front. The *Gazette*, edited by Mrs. Ida M. Trenary, has been a monthly visitor to my office, welcomed and read with interest. Illinois Corps Press Correspondents certainly fill space in its columns, and are awake to the power of the press. Zoe Logan Hobson struck the keynote when she sent personal cards to her co-workers. We have lost our Press Correspondent, but Illinois has gained an able Chief of Staff. Illinois, with her membership of over 12,000, and her relief report of \$3,755.00, certainly shows a fine record.

INDIANA. Effie Tevebaugh writes: "This has been a prosperous, fruitful year, the Corps doing heavy relief work and gaining in membership, now 7,361. Indiana, with her State Soldiers' Home at Lafayette of 480 inmates, husbands and wives, her Orphan Home located at Knightstown, where every care and comfort is given the little ones, this is part of the work this Department is doing. Her work along patriotic lines is hampered, owing to foreign element and other causes, but when the southern school bells are ringing "Our Bonnie Blue Flag," Indiana must send the echo of the "Red, White and Blue," the Star Spangled Banner forever. This State Legislature made an appropriation in 1908 to have her war flags reinforced. This has been done by the Betsy Ross Association, and again woman, with her skillful needle, has done the work of repair. They are to be enclosed in glass, two in a case. Mrs. Tevebaugh has not forgotten the Scott Key Memorial. Personal thanks are due her for the work of this year. Another year we hope to see this grand Department take a forward step in her press work.

IOWA. The home of our beloved National President, with her *Grand Army Advocate*, published in Des Moines, and forty-two papers giving outside space, is well published. Her membership of 10,785 members gained last quarter 253, and only one Corps delinquent. Total cash in Corps treasury, \$13,857.63; to Memorial University at Mason City, \$551.60; relief other than money, \$951.16; relief in cash, \$543.99; also helped to lift mortgages from the homes of two soldiers' widows, \$366.00. The Hawkeye Department W.R.C. truly cares for him who bore the battle, and his widow and orphans. The Memorial

University at Mason City is a living monument to the memory of the soldiers, 1861-1865, and every Department should consider it a part of their patriotic work.

KANSAS. The Sunflower State reports grand work done in Department this year. Lilla C. Godfrey, Department Press Correspondent, has done good work. *Club Members*, published at Topeka, has given a column to W.R.C. items, and as a whole the Order took advantage of the space; but reports to this office show only twenty-four returning Form X to Department Press Correspondents, from a list of 156 Corps Press Correspondents. Another year Kansas will realize that the press blanks are a help and serve to list their Corps as "doing something," and so reported by their Department Press Correspondent.

KENTUCKY. Sends a fair report, and is doing the work that comes to hand. Though her environment is circumscribed, she aims to do her duty.

LOUISIANA. R. N. Bowman, Press Correspondent for Brownlow W.R.C. No. 28, Vidalia, La., reports a membership of 113 members, and that Thanksgiving Day Post and Corps held services at Zion Church. A liberal collection was taken up for the comrades. After service they held a reception and refreshments were served to the boys in their hall. The National Press Correspondent appreciates the above press notes from her co-worker, the Corps Press Correspondent of Brownlow W.R.C. No. 28, Louisiana.

MAINE. Mabel Pierce Blake, Department Press Correspondent, now Senior Vice-President, reports thirty outside papers giving space, so the Pine Tree State keeps to the fore. The *Lewiston Journal* has a column monthly, in which Corps items and red-letter days are published. This has been a prosperous year for the Department of Maine. It has gained in membership. In honor of its Twenty-fifth Anniversary, the Silver Jubilee of this Department, many Corps presented to the different Posts as many silver dollars as the years numbered from their institution.

MARYLAND. To this Department of the W.R.C. was given the honor of decorating the monument recently erected in Druid Hill Park to the memory of the Union soldiers and sailors of the Civil War. The committee for this work were Chief of Staff Laura V. Enoch, Wilhelmina Treff and Ida Hamilton. Maryland is well represented in the press, and observes all patriotic anniversaries, especially Memorial and Flag Day.

MASSACHUSETTS. With 107 dailies, 99 weeklies and 90 outside papers, certainly sees herself in print, and the "Mother Department," through Susan D. Phinney, Past Department Press Correspondent, reports: membership, 14,872; relief, \$2,827.79; turned over to Posts, \$3,590.15; relief other than money, \$686.10; this to the credit of 173 Corps. One hundred and sixteen Corps Press Correspondents

reported to their Department Press Correspondent, who writes all seem to be doing good work. Emma Henry, the present Department Press Correspondent, reports she will make special effort in behalf of the Scott Key Memorial Association.

MICHIGAN. Cora Redfield Hamilton, Department Press Correspondent, reports 215 Corps, but only 113 return Form X to her office. She issued Circular Letter, and says: "Many Corps Press Correspondents have written to me since, telling me how much more interest there is now we have the press blanks." Another year we hope big returns from Michigan, and that space in State papers be not denied a Department doing the grand work this Department has and is doing. An Order like the W.R.C. ought not to pay for letting the public know of their patriotic and relief work.

MINNESOTA. This Department has had a steady growth in membership and interest in patriotic work. Memorial University holds a warm place in the heart of this Department. Comrade Bowers's son of Minneapolis was the recipient of the scholarship given Minnesota, and finished his course in June.

MISSISSIPPI. This Department, Elnora D. Washington, Provisional Department President, reports holding prize contests for the children, and the observance of February 12, May 30 and June 14. Space is given the W.R.C. in *Natchez Reporter* and *Greenville Lighthouse*. The thanks of this office are due Mrs. Washington for her prompt report.

MISSOURI. Mary M. Stark, now Department President. As Department Press Correspondent Mrs. Stark has shown us that Missouri has been busy this year in her patriotic work. Membership is increasing, and the District Conventions were well attended. Many of the old comrades have been called to rest on the "eternal camping ground" during the past year, but all have left a record of work well done. My personal thanks are due Mrs. Stark for her "notes" from Missouri, and the space she has filled in the *Globe Democrat*.

MONTANA. Mary E. Hellinger, Department Press Correspondent, reports work in her Department on time; a loyal little Department, doing her duty under discouraging environment. Though small in numbers, the influence of the W.R.C. and their work will be felt as the years come and go.

NEBRASKA. Ada I. Heine, Department Press Correspondent, reports 110 Corps, but very few Corps Press Correspondents reporting from Corps. The new blanks will be better understood another year, and Mrs. Heine's report for 1911 will be more to her satisfaction; but Nebraska is on the alert, and gives to the press her doings.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. As a Department has a column in the *Manchester Union*. This paper has a wide circulation and spreads the

work of the W.R.C. in the Granite State. Anna E. Carter, Department Press Correspondent, reports over 58 articles have been published. The items from the *Manchester Union* are often read in the Corps for the good of the Order. Arvilla H. Thompson, the present Department Press Correspondent, has issued a Circular Letter, striking the keynote when she says, "The success of our work lies with Corps Press Correspondents," and with their support the standard of her work will not fall below the past.

NEW JERSEY. This Department has the honor of the National Convention this year. Though a small Department, she sends good report through Mary Ballinger. Of course, the press of New Jersey will do their part in advertising the Order during the National Encampment, and the railroads have kept the public advised of the same for the past six months.

NEW YORK. True to her motto, keeps to the front. Minnie B. Cone, Press Correspondent, with 96 out of 112 weekly papers giving space, and 73 Corps Press Correspondents publishing items "on time." The Empire State is O.K. Eight new Corps have been added to the Department roster; membership over 10,000. We note with regret the discontinuance of the *Grand Army Journal*. This was a loss to the Department of New York. The *Elmira Telegram* publishes items of Post and Corps. Thanks are due G. D. Byard, the Corps Press Correspondent of No. 56, Olean, N.Y., for letters and work done by her. These are the links that bind, and I desire to express my appreciation of the many courtesies extended to the "New York Girl" from her native State.

NORTH DAKOTA. Jane M. Maxham, Department Press Correspondent, writes: "Far away North Dakota is in the work to stay." They have met at the homes of the members, and each sister in turn hunts the "old relics" to serve the guests. Jerry Rusk Corps at Towner is the banner Corps, owning their hall and furniture. Their President is seventy-five years "young," and her eighteen members are doing the work that comes to their hand. This Department, at their Encampment at Devil's Lake, June 15, decided to send out a field organizer to do picket duty and organize Posts and Corps. Comrade E. C. Stevens and his wife, Jean McNaughton Stevens, of Towner, were detailed to do the work for a term of three months, Corps pledging \$10.00 each towards the work. North Dakota numbers 2,500 soldiers on pension pay rolls, but only 400 are members of the G.A.R. Surely North Dakota is stepping ahead in her work, and other Departments might take notice.

OHIO. With 226 Corps, an able Department Press Correspondent and Assistant National Press Correspondent, has kept pace. The Buckeye State never lags, and her aims and aspirations are of the

highest and best. Lois M. Knauff, Ohio's candidate for National honors, presented the scholarship prizes (forty in all) to the pupils of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home at Xenia. These wards of Ohio, 716 children, are "rounded in the hearts" of the Department G.A.R. and W.R.C. At Christmas time the Home children presented a cantata, "King Winter," with a cast of seventy-five boys and girls. The S.W.V. joined the G.A.R. this year in giving books and magazines. The S. of V., Ladies of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. visited each cottage (thirty-two), presenting each child with a Christmas gift. Lucy M. Collins, Department Press Correspondent, in her Circular Letter, called attention to the Scott Key Memorial, also to *Club Notes*. This magazine has given space for W.R.C. "news," and Mrs. Collins has prepared monthly a digest of items as sent.

OKLAHOMA. Reports one new Corps, all patriotic days observed, and the Order is teaching patriotism of "the Abraham Lincoln brand." Lilah D. Lindsay, Department Press Correspondent, issued a Circular Letter fully covering the ground of press work. As an incentive to others, I had the Circular Letter by the Department Press Correspondent of the new State of Oklahoma printed, and sent the same to some of the Detached Corps. "Lilah" is a busy woman, but she found time to represent her State in the National Woman's River and Harbor Congress.

OREGON. Is still leading on the Pacific slope in her good work along all lines. Celebrated its Silver Jubilee; the offerings were liberal. This Department keeps the "birthdays," and sees June 14 is observed. Great events are published in the *Oregon Statesman* and *Capitol Journal*. Lizzie Smith, Past Department Press Correspondent, was elected Department President at Convention held in Astoria.

PENNSYLVANIA. Donia B. Crouch has kept her own Department to the fore, and published articles from Assistant National Press Correspondent relative to the work of the Order. The Keystone State fills space in the *Erie Dispatch* and the *Gazette*. The columns of these papers are open to other Departments also.

POTOMAC. Anna A. Peck, Department Press Correspondent, reports: "All Corps keep W.R.C. news before the public." This Department is favored in having the advantage at the National Capital of a Past Department President on the staff of the *National Tribune*.

RHODE ISLAND. Lillian B. Luther, Press Correspondent, reports only two weekly and no daily papers giving space. The National Press Correspondent wishes to thank personally the Providence *Journal* and *Tribune* for space offered "Little Rhody." This Department was favored with a visit from Rev. W. J. Patton, President of Memorial University. This Son of Veteran so enthused the members that en-

dorsement of the University was the result and contributions followed. Some time in the near future one of Rhode Island's sons will be the recipient of a scholarship.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Hattie M. Rathmel, reappointed Department Press Correspondent, reports twenty-five Corps Press Correspondents publish items in the weeklies giving space to G.A.R. and W.R.C. Mrs. Rathmel has done good work, and another year the Order will reap the harvest. We feel South Dakota will do her share in this line, as she does in every good cause that comes to her notice.

TENNESSEE. Brave in spite of obstacles, keeps right on. The growing feebleness of many of the Corps members makes the outlook a little dim, but the younger faces will appear and take up the work, so Tennessee, with its two strong Corps in Chattanooga, will not falter, but accomplish much good in spite of drawbacks. Zorah C. Ford, the Department Press Correspondent, owing to sickness and death in the family, was barred from her work many weeks, but she "hath done what she could."

TEXAS. Emma Dunlop, Press Correspondent, reports on time. This Department is small, but enthusiastic, and the W.R.C. greatly appreciated by the comrades; and the patriotic work of this Department is commended. R. J. Oglesby Post and Corps presented a beautiful silk flag to the Buckner Orphans' School, the occasion being the seventy-seventh birthday of Dr. R. C. Buckner, founder of the institution in Seagoville. Five hundred inmates of the Home witnessed the presentation by Mrs. M. L. La Moreoux of Dallas, and acceptance with response by Miss Katie Crawford of Seagoville. Mrs. Dunlop sent the clipping containing address of Mrs. La Moreoux, also Mr. McCraw's speech, which was full of patriotism, and with such worthy representatives the Lone Star State is victor. *The Dallas Club Woman* opens its columns for W.R.C. news. Mrs. Dunlop feels the new press blanks will aid the Press Correspondents and be an incentive for better work.

UTAH. Our *new* Department! We gladly place the returns from Utah's Press Correspondent, and list their work as a Department. To National Junior Vice-President Jennie L. Jones was accorded the privilege and honor of organizing the Department of Utah on June 11, 1910, at Salt Lake. Mattie M. Campbell of Salt Lake is Department President. To our "youngest" Department we bid God speed and "welcome, thrice welcome" the sisterhood in Utah. The *Salt Lake Tribune* gives ample space for W.R.C. items.

VERMONT. This Department was the first reporting to National Press Correspondent, September 15, 1909. Mrs. Phila Lamson, Department Press Correspondent, has been faithful, and the file of clippings forwarded by her proves that the Green Mountain State has

grasped every opportunity to let the public know "what was doing." Roster and General Orders have kept me in touch with the Department, which stands *first* on my calendar with words of cheer and reports dating September 15, 1909, to July, 1910.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA. Flora L. Eason reports a new Corps, No. 37, at Aberdeen, also one to be organized at the Washington Veterans' Home at Port Orchard, said Home now completed.

Membership in good standing, 2,893; cash expended for relief, \$395.75; relief other than money, \$153.92; balance in Relief Fund, \$754.95.

Mrs. Eason, Department Press Correspondent, has been a "shut-in" for most of her term, and will be for a long time, but her faithfulness in her work, much of it done as an invalid in hospital, proves her devotion to the Woman's Relief Corps. Her Circular Letter No. 1 most certainly has been an incentive to her Department and the Corps Press Correspondents. To the National Press Correspondent it was an inspiration, and Washington and Alaska have reason to feel proud of their record as members, and especially of the press work in their Department.

WEST VIRGINIA. Held their Eighteenth Annual Convention at Charleston. The flag presented to the Charleston High School was one of the handsomest ever given by the Department. West Virginia is holding her own, and though small in numbers, great in the work she is doing, with less than four hundred members.

WISCONSIN. Is fortunate in having a trained newspaper woman for its Department press work. Equally at home distributing type or sitting in the editor's chair, Cora E. Harris stands again as the Department Press Correspondent. *The Relief Corps News*, after several years' discontinuance, has again become the official organ for Wisconsin W.R.C. and G.A.R. The Madison *Democrat* has devoted a double column to the Corps, edited by Miss Harris, also a Grand Army Corner, under H. W. Rood. The *Democrat* supplies "ready prints" for twenty-seven weekly and six daily papers, reaching several thousand homes. We welcome *The Relief Corps News* to our office, and bespeak for it success under the "Badger Girl," and know it will be an incentive for the Corps Press Correspondents to fill their "space" in its columns, and keep Wisconsin Department before the people. Report returns on Form X were not quite as good as we had hoped from a State so progressive, and Department with 7,000 members, and relief total of \$2,531.12; but Wisconsin is all right; her workers, none better. Realizing the "power of the press" as they have done in former years, 1910-11 will be no exception.

DETACHED CORPS. My heart goes out to these Corps, isolated as they are, serving as pickets in our line of work, many making a struggle

to exist. Still they fill their place, helping in the work to which we are pledged. I have aimed to keep in touch with these co-workers, and have written personally to each one on the roster, sending blank X and all Circular Letters. A number reported promptly, and we feel grateful to those Corps that we can list them this year in our report. The seed sown will be garnered in after years.

Hattie M. Nelson, Colony No. 2, Fitzgerald, Georgia, sends interesting notes, giving her account of the annual pilgrimage of G.A.R. and W.R.C. to Andersonville Cemetery. This clipping I welcome, coming direct from my co-worker "way down in Georgia." This Corps not only extends relief, but teaches patriotism and love of country, and "the flag our fathers saved" will never trail so long as Colony No. 2 exists. All honor to this Detached Corps and the G.A.R. of Fitzgerald, who keep the "Nation's Sabbath Day" at Andersonville.

In closing this *résumé*, we say, "Hail and farewell!" The parting of the ways has come. The fraternal links binding us in one chain of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," may they be severed only in death.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

It has been a source of regret that distance barred my accepting the many kind invitations received to be present at the Department Conventions and social functions. We appreciate the kindly thought and courtesy extended, and return our thanks.

To all Department Presidents who remembered this office, sending General Orders, Rosters and Circular Letters, we appreciate the file.

To the press at large who have given "space" and published the work of our Order, enabling us to keep step with other fraternal organizations, to them I am debtor.

To Comrade E. B. Stillings, our official printer, we gratefully acknowledge many courtesies and helpful suggestions in our work.

To our Corps Press Correspondents, the "rank and file," my co-workers, and especially those who so kindly favored me with personal letters and their confidence, I wish to say, you are the links that bind the chain of press workers between the Woman's Relief Corps and the public; to you your Department is indebted for news released. Allow me to thank you personally for the work you have done.

To "My Girls" in Departments, thanks for your "Easter Greetings," coming from shore to shore as words of cheer to your Correspondent convalescing from long illness.

To the Assistant National Press Correspondents, Lois M. Knauff, Elizabeth Robbins Berry and Isabel Worrell Ball, veterans in the work, that you have been worthy aides is proven by the "space" you have

filled in the interest of the Woman's Relief Corps. Accept my thanks for the same.

To all members who helped on the Francis Scott Key Memorial we are grateful. You did what you could to preserve this historic landmark.

Thanking our National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, for the honor conferred in placing my name upon her staff, and, as National Press Correspondent, allowing me the privilege of launching the new press blanks. The craft is now off the "ways" and on the Press Sea of the Order, calling at the ports of Departments. We trust the returns to the haven of Headquarters, freighted with the best of "stuff" from the fields of the Woman's Relief Corps, will tell the story that our work is growing before the public eye.

The record of the year's work is before you; it has gone into the past.

To you, my chief, I return the trust. Thanking you for the privilege of serving you, I pledge anew my allegiance to the Woman's Relief Corps.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MARGARET GAREY WRIGHT,
National Press Correspondent.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN ANDERSONVILLE PRISON BOARD

TOLEDO, OHIO, August 1, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: I have the honor herewith to transmit to you, and through you to the Twenty-eighth National Convention, the report of the Andersonville Prison Board for the past year.

On account of the great distance, it has never been possible to hold a meeting of the Board at Prison Park. On that account the responsibility of the care and improvements has rested chiefly upon the Chairman of the Board. I have endeavored to keep in close touch with its members by writing, and am proud to say that I have had their most loyal support in all that seemed necessary to be done.

Early in April I was directed by the National President to go and make all necessary repairs and put everything in good order before making the transfer to the Government. Upon my arrival there I found work which detained me over three weeks. Both wells were in bad condition, the quicksand had to be drawn out and a new curbing put in; their depth now is ninety feet, with fifteen feet of water. Much to our surprise, the pump at the windmill during the winter froze and burst, necessitating the purchase of a new pump. The tank was also newly painted, and now there is an abundance of good water for use at the house and at the rose garden.

Providence Spring was never in such fine condition as now. I had the floor of the pavilion newly cemented. The water is running through the fountain furnished by the Ex-Prisoners of War Association into a basin, and into a pool in the floor, and out through the pavilion, clear and sparkling as when it first burst forth to quench the thirst of the starving prisoners. The ground around is beautified by growing ferns.

The pecan orchard is well cared for, and in a few years will be bearing nuts for profit. The grounds are well kept, and the Woman's Relief Corps can well be proud of what has been accomplished by the indomitable will and perseverance of her whose monument stands



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under the folds of the flag near by the rose garden she loved so well, Elizabeth A. Turner.

During the past year four hundred and eleven visitors have registered, thirty-eight ex-soldiers and eight ex-prisoners.

The caretaker, Comrade Bickell, and his wife have proven themselves the right people in the right place. Having been a prisoner there, he is interested in preserving all the landmarks, and the wells where the boys dug in vain for water. These wells, some seventy and eighty feet deep, are well preserved and will stand forever in memory of those who made the great sacrifice loyal and true to their country and died for the cause of freedom, and whose bones are washing out of the ground on the hillside at every heavy rainstorm.

Mrs. Bickell, a typical Southern woman, proves herself an agreeable hostess; she is loyal and fully in sympathy with the oft-repeated story of starvation and suffering, as told by the ex-prisoners while visiting there, and repeats the truth of the same to those who would fain believe that such inhuman cruelties never could have existed in a civilized country.

The Wirz Monument, standing in the village, is its own condemnation. It need only stand there; a time will come when the South will be glad to bury it from sight.

Our gifts this year are not numerous, but much appreciated. Through Kate G. Raynor, National Patriotic Instructor, the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary gave cocoa matting for the main hall in the cottage.

The Department of Ohio, through its President, Mary C. Wentzel, gave a large wool bunting flag for the flagpole which was dedicated on Memorial Day.

Mr. William Easterlin has promised to give land for a boulevard to connect Prison Park with the Cemetery, making a deed to the Government when the transfer is made.

To make and keep our country great and strong, education must go hand in hand with patriotism; and as the Woman's Relief Corps transfers to the United States Government her sacred trust of preserving the hallowed spot where thousands suffered martyrdom because of their patriotism, what more fitting use could be made of a part of the fund, set aside for Andersonville Prison Park, than to use it to encourage this grand moral sentiment? The Memorial University, located in the geographical center of the United States and dedicated to the veterans and loyal women of 1861-65, is only in its infancy and needs our patriotic and loving support. We now have the opportunity of helping to build this *living* monument to a size as "big as the biggest." I therefore offer

Recommendation No. 1. That we set aside five thousand dollars from the Andersonville Permanent Fund, holding it in trust for the

Memorial University, for the beginning of an endowment fund, the amount to be determined later.

The interest of the fund to be paid, at the close of each year, to the Memorial University.

We realize with sadness that our veterans are fast passing away and soon there will be none left to tell the story of their heroism. The youthful mind is greatly impressed by reading accounts of their heroic endurance; and, in order that the lesson of sacrifice and devotion to country, as taught by the suffering of the prisoners at Andersonville, and other Southern prisons, may never be forgotten, I offer

Recommendation No. 2. That Corps Patriotic Instructors ask the management of Public Libraries to provide for a patriotic shelf, devoted to the exhibit of books on patriotism, accessible to readers, and that upon this shelf be placed true and authentic histories of Andersonville and other Southern prisons, such as John McElroy's history and one written by Harry White, giving his experience of sixteen months in various Southern prisons.

A copy of these histories would be a valuable addition to all libraries.

I also make

Recommendation No. 3. That Corps Patriotic Instructors be instructed to supply to libraries, within their jurisdiction, copies of Department and National Journals printed within their period of service.

INVENTORY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND GOODS OWNED BY THE
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AT PRISON PARK, ANDERSONVILLE, GA.

Massachusetts Room. 1 bookcase, 1 center table, 1 stove, 1 dresser, 1 washstand, 1 standing screen, 1 bedstead, mattress and pillows; 1 cot, mattress and pillows; 30 yards matting on the floor, 1 art square, 5 rugs, 2 cane-seated chairs, 2 rockers, 1 stove and pipe, bedding, towels, and everything added to furnish the room complete.

Wells Relief Corps Room. 1 bed, mattress, springs, 1 pair blankets, pillows, spreads, sheets, comforts, etc., 1 dresser, 1 washstand, 3 chairs, 1 rocker, 1 standing screen, matting on floor, 5 rugs and everything complete to furnish the room in first-class style.

Department of Ohio W.R.C. Room. 1 dresser, 1 center table, 1 washstand, 3 rocking chairs, 1 leather-bottom chair, 1 standing screen, 2 beds with bedding complete, 4 comforts, 2 pair blankets, 4 pillows, 2 sets lace curtains, 2 pair pillow shams, 1 McKinley chair cushion, 4 rugs, 1 floor matting, 9 pictures on the wall, vases and everything needed to beautify and complete a well furnished room.

Parlor. 1 Brussels carpet, 1 center table, 1 library table, 1 bookcase, 3 Smyrna rugs, 2 rockers, 3 cane-seated chairs, 1 upholstered chair, 1 sofa

1 divan, lace curtains, silk mantel scarf, life size pictures on the wall of Lincoln, Grant, Sheridan, Sherman, McKinley, "Lincoln and his Cabinet," "Sherman's March to the Sea," "Proclamation of Emancipation," and portraits of Lizabeth A. Turner and Clara Barton.

Dining-Room. Wisconsin furnished the dining-room with 1 dining table, 1 sideboard, 12 chairs, 12 teaspoons, 12 napkins, 4 yards tablecloth, 1 kitchen range, 1 hat rack and lace curtains, 4 tablespoons.

Indiana furnished 2 complete sets of dishes and glassware, tablecloths and napkins, 12 knives and forks, 12 dessertspoons, extra dishes and matting for dining table.

Minnesota furnished napkins and curtains.

Matting on the hall floor furnished by the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Tools and Machinery. One first-class one-horse lawn mower, 1 one-horse wagon, 1 horse rake, plow, shovel, hoe, rake, mattock, wheelbarrow, axe, grindstone, chisel, grass scythe, files and small tools of all kinds.

Six monuments on the stockade, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Lizabeth A. Turner.

Two flags for the flagpole, one new and one partly worn.

And now as this sacred place is about to pass into other hands, and I think of laying down the work so near to my heart, and in which I have labored for fourteen long years, I must confess a feeling of loneliness comes over me, and I shall long to journey to that "Mecca" once more and see it made more beautiful as the years go by.

To the members of the Board and members of the Advisory Board, who with kind words and advice have rendered valued assistance, I return sincere thanks.

I wish to express to the National President my thanks for her trust, confidence and counsel throughout the entire year; and to all who have placed a flower in my pathway I express heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

SARAH D. WINANS,

Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANDERSONVILLE TRANSFER

ILION, N.Y., August 4, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: The Committee on Transfer of Andersonville Prison Property respectfully submit the following report:

The failure to pass the bill by the Sixtieth Congress was reported; also that it had been put on the calendar of the Sixty-first Congress in Special Session, both House and Senate.

With renewed courage and a prayer for success, your Chairman began making a list of new Representatives in the House where our Bill 6971 was resting. Booklets and letters sent to them brought favorable replies.

Representatives General Isaac Sherwood, Ohio, and Major Thomas W. Bradley, New York, who from the beginning had been deeply interested in our bill, had it taken up in the House at an early period, and on December 10, 1909, our Bill H.R. 10,106 was "committed to the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed."

January 17, 1910, the bill passed the House of Representatives unanimously, and victory was assured.

Senator William Warner had charge of the bill in the Senate, but business called him out of the city and its passage was delayed some weeks, when it passed the Senate without opposition. Vice-President Sherman was favorable.

On March 2, William H. Taft, President of the United States, signed our bill and it became a law.

The following is the full text of the law:

[PUBLIC—No. 68.]

[H. R. 10106.]

AN ACT

Authorizing the acceptance by the United States Government from the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, of a proposed gift of land contiguous to the Andersonville National Cemetery, in the State of Georgia.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized
- 4 and directed to accept from the Woman's Relief Corps, aux-
- 5 iliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, a gift of eighty-
- 6 eight acres of land, more or less, contiguous to the Ander-
- 7 sonville National Cemetery, in the State of Georgia, with all
- 8 improvements thereon, the details incident to the transfer of
- 9 said land to be arranged and perfected by the Secretary of War.

Approved March 2, 1910.

The last clause of the law, viz., "the details incident to the transfer of said land to be arranged and perfected by the Secretary of War," made it necessary for the Woman's Relief Corps to employ an attorney at law. Colonel Thomas S. Hopkins of Washington, D.C., a comrade and able lawyer, by advice of Mrs. Sherwood and National President, was consulted, and he has given undivided attention to the land survey, and all legal lines of the deed of transfer.

Much research has been necessary to "unravel the tangle" of deeds of conveyance and disputed land survey; but Chief Clerk Lewis W. Call, of Judge Advocate-General Davis's Department, has promised Attorney Hopkins that he will submit to him the deed of transfer approved by Judge Advocate-General in time for presentation at the G.A.R. Encampment greetings in Atlantic City, September 20, 1910.

Our National President requested me to extend an invitation to General Davis to be present to receive the final deed of Andersonville Prison property to the United States Government.

The Woman's Relief Corps is greatly indebted to Honorable Joseph B. Foraker, who introduced Bill 6971 to the Senate, May 5, 1908, and safely piloted it to the House; also to Representative John A. T. Hull, Chairman of the House Military Committee, and Senator William Warner of the Senate Committee.

Your Transfer Committee, Kate B. Sherwood, Mary L. Gilman and Mary M. North, have rendered valuable assistance, also Carrie Sparklin Read, while it was pending in the Senate. Your Chairman has tried to do her duty in superintending detail work to its final completion. Looking back to March 27, 1908, when as National President, with the consent of my Executive Council, in the name of the Woman's Relief Corps, I formulated and proffered the free gift of Andersonville

Prison property to the United States Government, my heart is full of thankfulness and gratitude to our National Convention and National President that I was continued to the end of the work, and thus permitted in my declining years to see the glorious fruition of the "cherished hope of years."

It was the "harvest time" of the work while the veterans of the Civil War held high places in legislation, while many "women of the war" yet lived and remembered the suffering of Andersonville Prison, the greatest battlefield of mental and physical suffering known in the annals of war, and we are proud of our Government today, that has accepted the gift, and will perpetually guard Andersonville Prison grounds in honor of our Nation's defenders.

The Woman's Relief Corps has been faithful to a sacred trust. Elizabeth A. Turner, as our National President, sixteen years ago received the gift of the "Andersonville Prison Pen" from the G.A.R. Department of Georgia. She devoted the remaining years of her life in hallowing the grounds as a sacred spot. It was a beautiful devotion of the Woman's Relief Corps to care for and beautify these grounds, and in surrendering them to the higher care of our Government we "will not forget." It will ever be a sacred memory, and our offerings of love will continue in gifts to the beautiful rose garden that is consecrated to Memorial Day in Andersonville Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

KATE E. JONES, *Chairman,*

KATE B. SHERWOOD,

MARY M. NORTH,

MARY L. GILMAN,

Committee.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SENIOR AIDE AND CHIEF OF STAFF

OFFICE OF NATIONAL SENIOR AIDE AND CHIEF OF STAFF,
CHICAGO, ILL., August 15, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: Having been honored with the appointment as National Senior Aide for 1909-10, I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the position to the best of my ability.

I herewith present to you a report of the work done in my office and by the appointed Aides during the year now drawing to a close.

With the approval of the National President the following Circular Letter, outlining the special work of the year, was sent from this office to all the Aides:

OFFICE OF SENIOR NATIONAL AIDE AND CHIEF OF STAFF, W.R.C. }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
3224 PRAIRIE AVE., CHICAGO, ILL., December 1, 1909.

Circular Letter, }
No. 1. }

To the National Aides.

GREETING: Your appointment as Aide on the staff of the National President is not only an expression of her confidence in your loyalty, but a recognition of faithful service rendered the Woman's Relief Corps.

The duties of Aides are clearly defined in Rules and Regulations, Chapter IV, Article VI, Section 14. Study the same carefully that you may have a thorough knowledge of the duties of your office and be able to render intelligent service.

The National President has entrusted to you a special work, — to recruit the ranks of our Order, — and I would urge each Aide to do all in her power to add at least one new name to our membership and try to induce those who have been suspended or dropped from our rolls to return. Let your concerted action be worthy the position you fill.

Work zealously for the upbuilding of our grand organization, and help to make this year one of steady growth and progress.

Remember your duty to the veteran and his dependent ones, and strive in every possible way to make their lives brighter and happier.

Aides will procure their badges through their respective Corps Treasurers, and will at once signify their acceptance of appointment to the National Secretary, when commissions will be forwarded. I sincerely trust in accepting the appointment you will realize that it means labor and responsibility as well as honor.

A Roll of Honor has been established, and the names of Aides securing five members for the Woman's Relief Corps will appear on same and in the National Journal, so "let us be up and doing."

The National Senior Aide wishes to assure you that your letters will be welcomed at all times and reports of work accomplished greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

IDA E. PALMER,
National Senior Aide.

Approved:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President.*

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN, *National Secretary.*

I sincerely regret that the great size of the staff has made it impossible to enter into personal relation with each member. However, many, many letters have been written and all reports have been acknowledged. Earnest effort has been made to keep in touch with the Aides and to foster, by every available means, the feeling of *esprit de corps*.

The letters from the Aides glow with affectionate praise for our National President and, without exception, they speak of their love for the work of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Many of the reports show such excellent work done that they would no doubt prove a source of inspiration for renewed effort on the part of others could they be given in full, but there are so many that this is impossible. They are, therefore, given in condensed form.

Aides appointed, 616. Reporting, 274.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA. Aides appointed, 20; reporting, 11.

ELLA VAN HORNE (Special): "Being so busy with the duties of Department President, have not given much time to this office; have attended two exemplifications, inspected twenty-four and installed seven Corps, visited twenty-six others, visited the W.R.C. Home at Evergreen, and the National Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle."

MARGARET A. MARTIN secured fifteen members, placed one flag, four primers and four oleographs in public schools.

EDITH COMSTOCK is an earnest worker; owing to illness has been unable to accomplish all she desired.

JOSEPHINE MAPES, MINERVA KARMER, HETTIE PALMER and IRENE MOORE sent interesting letters.

KATIE JONES has added eight to roster, visited four Corps, reports her own doing splendid work.

LIZZIE BELLE CROSS (Special) writes: "For nearly a quarter of a century, mother and I have labored together for the welfare of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps. I have taken an active part in several flag presentations, visited many Corps and spoken words of encouragement, when necessary instructed in the flag work; assisted our Treasurer in collecting dues, brought in nine new members, visited the sick of Post and Corps. Memorial Day, mother and I contributed a dozen and a half bunches of sweet peas and a quantity of loose flowers to send to a Post in Arizona; made fifty bouquets and several wreaths."

B. SHELLEY HAWK writes: "I am resting after a year of labor in the interest of the W.R.C., having traveled 3,818 miles during the year, presented four flags to the Corps adjacent to Soldiers' Home, made a number of patriotic addresses, found employment for comrades and a daughter of a soldier."

MARY E. LIVINGSTON has brought ten new members to her Corps. As chairman of committee, recommended that the school children be invited to decorate the graves of the comrades on Memorial Day. The suggestion was received favorably; special cars carried the children and the flowers to the cemetery; for the first time in ten years the boys and girls had a part in the Memorial service, marching through the cemetery, carrying baskets filled to overflowing with fragrant blossoms, and "covered them over with beautiful flowers," thus receiving a lesson in patriotism and an added reverence for the Grand Army. Twenty-four little girls were trained by her daughter for a flag drill, which was given on Flag Day and the Fourth of July in the presence of a vast concourse of people. The drill accomplished the purpose for which it was intended, creating a love for Old Glory in the schools and an interest in the W.R.C. D. E. Coon Corps furnished forty-eight flags for this drill.

COLORADO AND WYOMING. Aides appointed, 19, reporting, 10.

HELEN A. SILLS (Special): "I have been actively engaged getting new members; just instituted a Corps at La Veta with a charter list of twenty; I am sure No. 48 will be an honor and credit to the Order."

STELLA A. KYLE (Special) organized a Corps at Colorado Springs with twenty-six charter members; has added six new names to her Corps roster, one an army nurse.

DELIA F. BUELL is very enthusiastic; has improved every opportunity to further the interests of the Woman's Relief Corps; has secured five new members.

LUCY DAVISON succeeded in reinstating twenty delinquents.

AMELIA CROFTS has been ill most of the year.

Letters showing good work performed were received from KITTIE HUGHLITT, ELOISE LEHOW, OLIVE KILLIN and ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM.

RAY YAMBERT reports for her Corps: "We presented our Post \$12.00 for delinquent members' dues. Lincoln's Birthday held a reception, had a patriotic program; Memorial Day was fittingly observed; sent to the Soldiers' Home sixteen rugs, twelve cushions; contributed to the Southern Memorial Fund; presented a flag to the Cripple Creek High School; as chairman of the Relief Committee, I have made thirty-five visits to the sick, taking fruit and flowers to many; have presented ten applications for new members."

CONNECTICUT. Aides appointed, 29; reporting, 15.

ISADORA GLADWIN (Special) writes: "I have worked faithfully in my own Corps."

EDITH M. COOK hasn't had the ghost of a chance to get her name on the Roll of Honor because her appointment came so late.

EMMA M. WRIGHT is giving her best efforts for the advancement of the Woman's Relief Corps.

MARIA SMITH writes: "I have been a member over twenty years and have always done what I could to help in the work."

MINNIE L. TRAVERS, MARY BUTTERFIELD, CARRIE M. CLARK, EUNICE LONGDON, ANNIE KENERSON and ELANOR OLMSTEAD sent splendid letters, although not in form of reports.

CARRIE R. PIKE writes: "Our Corps is in a prosperous condition. We just celebrated our twentieth anniversary. Memorial Day I contributed flowers and worked with others arranging bouquets; attended exercises on Flag Day; visited the W.R.C. Home, 'Home Day,' when members from all over the State gathered there for an annual picnic."

MARTHA A. STELLE says: "I have visited many Corps; did all I could to make Memorial Day a truly veterans' Sabbath."

LOIS IRENE EARL (Special): "I am interested in all parts of our work. This year as Department President my interest is extended to the different branches of our work in all of our 49 Corps and am glad to report good active work being done all over the State, with a gain in membership of 101 for the last quarter; have secured six new members."

CARRIE HOUSE is up and doing all the time for the veteran and his dependent ones.

ALICE A. SLATER (Special): "I have always tried to serve the Woman's Relief Corps to the best of my ability."

IDAHO. Aides appointed, 9; reporting, 3.

ANNIE E. TRIPLow (Special) writes: "Being Department President and National Aide, I scarcely know how to make out my report; don't understand where the work would begin or where it would leave off. We have added one new Corps to our Department roster, of which I am very proud; peace and harmony reign in the Department, and we have increased in membership about one-fourth; the prospects are very flattering for a larger growth for the ensuing year."

JULIA S. BOWEN: "I never let a chance pass to speak a good word for, or to, the old soldier and the members of the W.R.C. I am doing all in my power to prevent the Ladies of the G.A.R. from forming a Circle here."

ELIZABETH WAYLAND was unable to do special work because of illness.

ILLINOIS. Aides appointed, 48; reporting, 24.

ANNA KORNbroDT's Corps adopted a Post; she is working enthusiastically for it, brought them five recruits.

ADELA WILSON (Special) belongs to a rapidly growing and very harmonious Corps, has eight new members to her credit.

LUCY HULL has been a worker for twenty-seven years.

ELLEN F. LIBBY attends all meetings of her Corps; contributes as generously as she can afford, visits the sick and is particularly kind to the members of the Post.

MILLIE SIBLEY writes: "My Corps is small but very loyal." Her record as a worker is unexcelled.

MARY LANTZ reports some very fine work done on Memorial Day.

VITULA HARRINGTON acknowledges appointment, but sends no report.

MINNIE BROWN writes: "I have always been a zealous member of our Order."

EMMA MAXEINER visited eighteen Corps, added four new members to her own, worked generally for the Order.

ALICE HARTER has carried fruit and flowers to the sick of Post and Corps, helped with Memorial Day exercises, assisted at four installations, added fifteen new members.

SARAH M. SNOW sent letter, but no report.

FRANCES DORR is a charter member and President of the Corps that introduced the flag work into the Order, America.

FRANCES WELLS reports six recruits for her Corps.

ELIZABETH ELLITHORPE is interested in the entire work and is happy when serving.

ELLA FUNK: "I shall be glad to have my name on the Roll of Honor."

FRANCES LEWIS (Special) and MARY C. GRAY have been very active in the work of their Corps.

MAMIE BRITTON arranged patriotic programs for special days; presented a flag to one of the public schools; carried sunshine to the sick members of Post and Corps, and is doing much for the good of the Order; added two to Corps roster.

MATTIE MAYO has visited ten Corps; had markers placed at the graves of fifteen comrades; brought nineteen new members into the Order and reinstated four.

IDA TILLMAN (Special) cared for the sick daughter of a veteran, furnished her with food and clothing; nursed a Corps member five months (without remuneration); carried dainties to sick comrades; brought in two members; has tried not to neglect any of the work of our Order.

FANNIE J. BARNUM sent letter, but no report.

FRANK L. HUBBARD has made patriotic addresses in five schools, spoken at three camp-fires, orator at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Memorial Day; spoke at two reunions, representing the Department President at one; prepared and presided over six patriotic programs; presented a magnificent flag to Lincoln Park on behalf of her Corps, America; added two to roll of membership.

ANNA PATTERSON (Special) has spoken at various reunions and camp-fires; presented four silk flags to her Corps; paid a comrade's railroad fare to the Soldiers' Home, induced twelve to join our ranks, accomplished much along patriotic lines.

SUSIE B. ORDWAY writes: "There is always something to do."

INDIANA. Aides appointed, 16; reporting, 12.

DR. ALTA BORAM (Special) and MARIE KELLER are working enthusiastically for the Order. sent letter, but no report.

SARAH C. WHITE (Special), as the newly appointed Department Counselor and National Aide, has a double incentive to work; is trying to reorganize a Corps and hopes to report success; is full of interest and working earnestly for Indiana.

LAURA KALTER is doing extra work along patriotic lines.

LORETTA GORSUCH sent letter, but reports no special work.

MARION L. WHITE brought in two new members; as Chief of Staff attended all the District Conventions; did all she could to make the Department Convention a success; is thoroughly interested.

JENNIE BOWSER has been very active in Corps work; last year,

while President, initiated sixty new members, most of whom were obtained through her efforts. The Indianapolis members are much pleased with the honor conferred upon her and feel it will be the means of further increasing the membership there.

EVA GINGER says: "The little bit of patriotic work I have done does not deserve special mention. I used to be a primary school teacher and love to have children about me; on June 14 I ask the "tots" to come to my home to celebrate Flag Day. We sing patriotic songs, have little marches, appropriate "pieces" to speak, etc. Next year I'll invite the Relief Corps to join with us. I want this custom to become established in our little town, so that it will be kept up after the G.A.R. and W.R.C. have ceased to exist."

VINNIE LYON writes: "I would like to tell you all, but it sounds like bragging; I love this work as I love my heritage, that of a soldier father, brother, grandfather and uncles; the blood is in me and it sometimes sort o' boils over." Her report shows excellent work done in the public schools; added three new members.

EMMA WELSHANS brought three into her Corps.

ALICE PIKE (Special) says: "As Department President I organized a Corps of twenty-two members; assisted at the dedication of a monument to the "Unknown Heroes"; we are furnishing our Department of the G.A.R. with a stand of colors."

IOWA. Aides appointed, 57; reporting, 31.

LIZZIE M. SWAFFORD is enthusiastic; has secured nine new members, reclaimed two delinquents and organized a Camp of Sons of Veterans.

KATE HANCHETT has done excellent work; organized a Camp of Sons of Veterans, brought four new members into the Order and reinstated four.

ADDIE UNANGST (Special) has endeavored at all times to advance the work of our Order; has added twenty-five new names to her Corps roster, has visited and inspected several Corps, and assisted in a number of patriotic entertainments.

GEORGIA McCLELLAN, JR. (Special): "I am doing all in my power for the upbuilding of the Woman's Relief Corps; have secured six new members and the promise of more."

LULU RICHMOND: "Perhaps I have not done much, but like one of old, have done what I could."

LOUISE JOHNSON: "I've done my best this year in Corps work. I love it."

LOU K. MOORE (Special) writes of good work done at home and in Oklahoma, where she spent the winter.

EMMA HARPER says: "I'm glad the 'special work' intrusted to me has been accomplished; I have the honor to report five new members."

MARY HANSEN has endeavored to be worthy of the honor conferred upon her; has brought in six recruits.

KATHERINE FARMER (Special) reports harmony in her Corps and a gain of twenty-five in membership; they sent sixty dollars to Memorial University and have done a great deal of relief work.

Letters received from the following show they have been diligent and faithful in their duties as Aides: MARY A. CONN, ALICE REID, AUGUSTA DANIELS, CLARA CARPENTER, MIRA PARKER, MARY SNOOK, MARGARET HINMAN, FEDERICA PHILPOT, LU SCHRACK and MARTHA COGGESHALL.

LAURA BUTTERS is particularly interested in the preservation of the Francis Scott Key Home; her name appears on the Roll of Honor.

FANNIE A. BLAZER says: "One can always find plenty to do in this great work; although my appointment came late I have secured three new members; as chairman of the Executive Committee of my Corps I am planning an excursion to the Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown."

IDA M. SMYTH has done special committee work assigned by her President; her Corps is always "doing something"; influenced five to join our Order.

FLORA MOORHEAD reports for her Corps splendid work along all lines; are helping Post to build a Memorial Hall; had "Tag Day" at the County Fair — cleared one hundred and seventeen dollars; have initiated thirty-two since the first of the year; observed all special days.

LENA T. RING (Special): "The most I feel that I have been able to do for our Order this year, and that which I have appreciated most, is helping our National President with her work in the office, whenever she was especially busy. I have enjoyed working with her, have been able to get a larger view and understanding of our work — what it is and what it stands for — than perhaps any other way."

DELIA A. RAYMOND and MARY E. SARGENT sent letters of great interest, showing much good accomplished.

MATTIE E. WITTER and MARY BIXBY express love and admiration for the National President; send no report.

LYDIA W. NOTT (Special) writes: "Iowa is accomplishing a grand work, is second to none in enthusiastic and patriotic devotion to the Grand Army, ranks among the highest in the cause of patriotic education in the public schools; contributes yearly five cents per member to the support of Memorial University at Mason City, an institution founded by the Sons of Veterans and largely supported by freewill offerings. My Corps gives an 'At Home' each month, proceeds to make payment on our Memorial Hall; price of lot and building \$7,000. I prepared and participated in a musical program given by the Sons of Veterans on the anniversary of the battle of Shiloh; had

charge of the children on Memorial Day, visited sick members of Post and Corps, remembering them often with flowers and dainties. I have ever been faithful to my trust, thus meriting the privilege of wearing the yellow ribbon."

ANNIE E. PEARSON has made one hundred and seventy-two visits to the sick; has eight new members to her credit.

KANSAS. Aides appointed, 13; reporting, 9.

SARAH STAPLIN (Special) sent interesting letters; has added five to the membership of her Corps.

KATE E. LEWIS has done splendid work: brought six new members, helped to bring in several others, visited twelve towns in the interest of Corps work, secured two recruits for Post; organized a Sons of Veterans Camp; hopes to organize two Corps; has given talks on patriotism in the public schools, presented a beautiful flag to the High School, arranged Flag Day program and helped with the Memorial Day exercises.

ELLA MILLER has advanced the interest of her Corps, brought in new members and done splendid work along special lines.

JULIA MCCARTHY WOOD wishes the Corps was the "preferred Order" in Chanute; the Post recognizes the Circle as their auxiliary.

KATE POND is proud of her Corps; says they have a large attendance at every meeting and all are willing workers.

FRANCES DE BOW's letter shows loyalty to our Order.

DORA J. ROGERS is an energetic worker; has added five new names to Corps roster.

LUELLA P. REED writes: "Early in the year I persuaded my husband to join the Post; the year has been one of pleasure to me."

ALICE PAPES, a zealous worker, has secured four new members, persuaded three old members to remain in Corps. Induced one veteran to wear the bronze button; paid dues for two comrades of the Post; helped lay away twelve comrades; spent days visiting the sick—carried flowers to many; is thoroughly interested in the work.

KENTUCKY. Aides appointed, 7; reporting, 3.

MARY H. DODGE (Special) is wonderfully interested in the Order. She is planning a special recruiting meeting.

ANNA MOSHER has always done active work for her Corps; two recruits were added through her efforts.

ANNIE E. MOORE sent a delightful letter, but no report.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI. Aides appointed, 8; reporting, 4.

MATTIE V. WILLIS writes: "I have visited many Corps, tried to impress upon them the great principles of our Order, — Fraternity,

Charity and Loyalty. Decoration Day was made a general holiday with our people; Corps united with Post, visited Chalmette National Cemetery, where sleep 14,000 of the nation's heroes. Flag Day for the first time was observed, and I am happy to report that the Stars and Bars are giving place to Old Glory."

ELNORA D. WASHINGTON has added fifteen members to her Corps and has visited the weak Corps in the Department.

LYDIA WILLIAMS is much interested in the work of Post and Corps.

NELLIE WILLIAMS is active along all lines; added nine members.

MAINE. Aides appointed, 7; reporting, 3.

MAUDE M. MERRICK (Special): "As National Aide and Department President, I have tried to increase the interest in our Order; have added one new Corps to our roster and our membership shows a gain of eighty-nine. The Department is in good condition. In the name of the Department, I had the pleasure of presenting a flag to the Brewer High School of Bangor."

CORA L. PRINCE (Special) and AMELIA SOULE sent fine reports of work done along patriotic lines.

MARYLAND. Aides appointed, 9; reporting, 4.

MAGGIE SUNSTROM (Special): "I have accomplished very little because of ill health; had hoped to have my name on the Roll of Honor, but can only report three gained."

AMELIA BANERSFELD considers her work in the Woman's Relief Corps a labor of love.

LAURA ENOCHS writes: "My heart is in the work and has been for twenty years."

HENRIETTA E. BRISCOE (Special) reports the Department of Maryland in fine condition. Flag Day, an American flag was given every teacher and pupil in the public schools of Baltimore and patriotic exercises were held. Memorial Day was generally observed; four members of her Corps came to her home and together they made 1,000 bouquets to decorate the graves of the "Unknown" in the National Cemetery; the flowers were given by the few who tied them. In a border State where southern sentiment is prevalent it takes brave women with loyal hearts to go on with our work.

MASSACHUSETTS. Aides appointed, 75; reporting, 38.

MARIE B. SHEPARD (Special), ELLA M. HOBBS and ANNIE F. PIERCE sent letters expressing loyalty, but no reports.

ELLA M. STEARNS appreciates the honor which has come to her in wearing the yellow ribbon, and has worked as an Aide should.

HELEN R. BLACKMAR (Special) is devoted to her Corps, has contributed to the Southern Memorial Fund.

LUCY A. THOMPSON worked diligently to secure new members and is doing splendid committee work.

SARAH A. NEWMAN writes: "Love of country, to me, is a passion; devotion to our Order, my chief pleasure; therefore I do what I can for the honor and benefit of both.

ANAH EDDY and MARY O. CHASE sent interesting letters.

SUSAN D. PHINNEY writes: "I have had sixteen government headstones placed on soldiers' graves and my Corps has placed bronze markers at every veteran's grave in the cemetery."

GEORGIANNA M. TROW is exceedingly proud of her yellow ribbon; has reinstated several delinquents; visited many Corps and attended County Associations.

CYNTHIA A. SLEEPER says: "I have tried to prove worthy of the honor bestowed on me; have added five new names to the Order and reinstated three."

DORA F. DEMPSEY and MARY E. DAY are ready to serve in any possible way.

HELEN G. MULFORD: "I do all I can for the Woman's Relief Corps in all the ways I can, at all times; have secured five new members."

R. JENNIE MANNING visited thirteen schools, presented thirty-six dozen flags, observed all patriotic days with entertainments, attended five county meetings, added six members to her Corps and helped in other ways.

MARY A. CUSICK has only missed two of her Corps meetings in twenty years; she says, "The National President is the sweetest *Berry* that ever grew."

JULIA D. F. BECKWITH (Special) writes: "I have cast my bread upon the waters many times, assisting the dear old comrades, and it has been returned to me after many days."

MARY GORMLEY has a splendid record for recruiting; brought in fifteen.

AUGUSTA M. PARKER has been a working member twenty years.

ESTELLA S. MCCARTY says: "I have tried my best to be a profitable Aide; have found homes for the homeless; added members to the Order; attended Conventions and county meetings; raised \$100 toward a monument for the "Unknown"; compiled Calendar program and Corps recipe book; and served as Assistant Inspector."

LUCY TURNER is serving her fifth term on the Department Relief Committee; has added five new members to Corps.

ANNA P. ATWOOD, CORNELIA BYRNES and ALICE L. MILLET sent greetings, but no reports.

GERTRUDE E. MELLEN and MARY WASHBURN were unable to help because of illness in their families.

NELLIE A. TRACY writes: "My first duty has ever been the care of my soldier father, who gave his right leg for his country. I filled a register of subscribers to the fund for the preservation of the Francis Scott Key Home; the large picture secured was sent to George DeLong Post, G.A.R., of Honolulu, H.I. As Aide to the Department Press Correspondent have done all in my power to bring the work of our Order before the public. It was my privilege to present a set of guidons to our Post; secured five new members for Corps, all daughters of veterans."

MIRIAM CALL and JENNIE BAILEY are faithful workers.

ANNIE F. A. HUNT (Special) is much interested, and is active in her Corps.

LELIA F. ROCKWOOD (Special) reports excellent work.

CARRIE GIBBS, MARY BOSWORTH and EMILY ABBOTT have been working along special lines; through their efforts many have joined our ranks.

SARAH L. WALLIS has served as chairman of the Relief Committee for twenty years; has visited many Corps and attended several exemptions.

EMMA WILLEY writes: "I assure you that twenty-seven years of service has not diminished my zeal in working for the veteran and his dependent ones."

IDA R. HAVNER sent a very pleasant letter; spends much time in the work.

MICHIGAN. Aides appointed, 21; reporting, 8.

ADDAM HALL (Special) reports the Department of Michigan in splendid condition; she has been instrumental in reinstating eight delinquent Corps.

FLORENCE S. BABBITT (Special) is a true friend of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps.

NELLIE DODGE WHITBECK (Special) sends an interesting report; by a house-to-house canvass in Monroe she secured enough names to organize a Corps; the same was instituted December 10, 1909, with a charter list of eighteen. Through her efforts the Post in Centerville will reorganize.

LOUISA ELLIOT brought in thirteen recruits, made 457 visits to the sick and helped in many other ways.

MARY FORD, FLORENCE DICKERSON and AUGUSTA JOHNSON have worked faithfully and have earned the right to wear the yellow ribbon.

ALMA E. FRY writes: "As National Aide you may be sure I was busy and did my best."

MINNESOTA. Aides appointed, 13; reporting, 7.

BERTHA I. MAHER has the best record for recruiting: she organized a Corps with a charter list of nineteen, brought into her own Corps eighteen new members, one by transfer and six by reinstatement; total, forty-four.

LUCIE S. LEWIS (Special), whose appointment is recent, says: "I have secured seven new members, more than an average of one a week; spoken for the 'good of the Order' at three patriotic gatherings."

ELLA B. WHITE: "It was my privilege to organize a Corps of eighteen members, all enthusiastic women; as a Department Minnesota is looking up this year."

MARY E. CORNISH has visited many Corps and helped generally.

NELLA WILLIAMS (Special): "As Aide to Mrs. Berry and Department President of Minnesota, I have endeavored to make a record that would be a credit to us both; have gained three new Corps, and prospects are good for three more. I have taken the names of seven into my own Corps, gave a flag to a mission Sunday School, and have left no stone unturned to make this a banner year for Jennie I. Berry."

LENORA E. SOUTHWORTH has served to the best of her ability: has secured five new members and reinstated one; let no opportunity pass to help the veteran; reports splendid work done by her Corps.

MAMIE ARMSTEAD, reporting for her Corps, says: "We have initiated twenty this year; gave our usual dinner on Memorial Day to those participating in the exercises. The Government annually gives us the use of the training ship *Gopher* in scattering flowers upon the waters of the lake in memory of those who died in defence of our country. The use of the vessel adds much to the impressiveness of the ceremony. I am a little proud of the fact that I was instrumental in instituting a custom in Culver Corps of sending Christmas gifts to the old ladies living at the Soldiers' Home in Minneapolis."

MISSOURI. Aides appointed, 15; reporting, 4.

HANNAH MARTIN writes: "Moberly is such a southern city it is hard to obtain new members; I paid the dues of three to keep them from dropping out."

MARY M. S. GILSON: "I am doing everything to promote patriotic education; have added two members."

LOUISE KUNTZ has made fifty calls on the sick and needy; visited six public schools, presented pictures of Lincoln to same; brought five into her Corps and done many other things for the Order.

LAURA HUTCHINSON (Special) sends an especially good report of service rendered the Order in Arkansas; she had hoped that this State might during the year become a Department, and has worked faithfully with this end in view; while her fondest hopes have not been

realized, the seed has been sown that will bear fruit, and ere long Arkansas will be a Department; added two to her Corps.

MONTANA. Aides appointed, 5; reporting, 4.

MARY PARKS FLANDERS (Special) reports the Department of Montana increasing in membership and interest. Memorial and Flag Days were fittingly observed throughout the State.

ANNA S. MARDALL (Special) acknowledges appointment, but sends no report.

EMMA A. BERRY says: "This has been the banner year for our Corps, all departments doing more work than usual. Our women are busy creating public sentiment for love of the flag. June 14 more flags than ever before were displayed from the schools and prominent buildings. We have taught more patriotism this year than any year in the history of this town; have interested the women in our neighboring towns, and they have requested us to help them do what we are doing."

ALICE L. FREE is working for a clubhouse for the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps, and is meeting with much encouragement.

NEBRASKA. Aides appointed, 9; reporting, 4.

CLARA J. HUGHES (Special) has worked for the upbuilding of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps; visited five Corps and helped them materially.

MARY L. KIMMERLY brought in two new members; corresponded with twelve county superintendents regarding the number of flags in rural schools.

SARAH L. FELT wrote to the same number of superintendents in another district and has worked enthusiastically along patriotic lines.

MARY E. CUDDINGTON helped to organize a Corps of thirty members, gained six for her own Corps and a recruit for the Post.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. Aides appointed, 16; reporting, 8.

EMMA E. LOONEY (Special): "The Department of New Hampshire is in a prosperous condition, harmony and good will prevail; steady increase in membership, due in a large measure to the work of Press Correspondents; personal efforts together with the press work will accomplish much; have done all I could to advance our work, have added four to my Corps, have promise of others."

LYDIA E. JONES writes interestingly of her Corps.

LIZZIE F. ELKINS encouraged and helped by letters and visits a small struggling Corps who were all discouraged and ready to surrender their Charter.

ELLA MASON has visited the sick, helped the needy, brought in three

and reinstated two members; had charge of the Memorial Day exercises and is working earnestly for the Order.

Ill health prevented ANNETT KINSMAN and BERTHA SMART doing any special work.

SARAH E. ROBERTS reports for her Corps a fine gain in membership.

LUCY L. TURNER appreciates the honor conferred and considers it a pleasure to work for the Order.

NEW JERSEY. Aides appointed, 10; reporting, 1.

ESTA B. HANN (Special) acknowledges appointment, sends no report.

NEW YORK. Aides appointed, 58; reporting, 25.

NELLIE M. BAYLESS (Special) writes: "During my administration the Department gained steadily in membership; nine Corps were organized. I have been able to assist weak and discouraged Corps by letters and visits, have added five to my own Corps roster."

SUSAN R. WILCOX attended fifteen inspections; served on the installing staff and made many fraternal visits.

SARAH A. NOAKES has done splendid relief work.

SARAH M. CANTWELL visited sick comrades, assisted with Memorial Day exercises, helped at the organization of three and installation of four Corps; brought in seven recruits.

ELIZABETH A. RYDER, appointed recently, is active in all lines.

KATHERINE ANDREWS sent delightful letter, but no report.

FLORENCE M. WESCOTT writes: "It has been my aim to put forth extra efforts that I might thus show my appreciation of the honor conferred and add my mite to the laurels of my loved friend our National President. Secured a position as ticket agent for a lame veteran; procured sewing for a widow; got a position for a son of a veteran; am now working to secure the appointment of a grandson of a veteran to Annapolis; have inspected nine and installed four Corps; have visited many weak Corps in the Department."

MARIA L. MUMFORD (Special) is thoroughly interested, sent cordial letter.

MRS. J. A. HALL is always ready and willing to help the veterans.

SARAH ORR has made many visits to the sick comrades.

ELIZABETH J. HAYES is a teacher; has placed in the public schools eleven oleographs, twenty Little Citizen Primers and twenty Liberty Bell books, had five hundred leaflets printed with Monologue to Flag, Civic Pledge and Flag Catechism, her Corps realizing \$15.00 from sale of same.

NETTIE C. BROWN gained four recruits, visited the "stay at homes" and urged them to renew their interest in the work.

FLORENCE L. MILLER and ELIZABETH R. WILSON sent letters of interest, no reports.

JENNIE COLE has not missed a meeting of her Corps in eleven years.

IDA SHOTTS PENTREATH (Special) inspected several Corps, instituted one, installed the officers of eight, spoke at several flag presentations, brought new members into the Order.

HESTER MAPES CONKLIN (Special) says: "As a soldier's daughter I have tried to do my duty. Have signed eight applications."

HATTIE PURDY has served her Corps as President five years, sent splendid letter.

ZEPHY P. MCENTEE (Special): "Through my efforts my Corps has gained thirteen members; I'm particularly interested in our patriotic work."

MARIE SNAVELY (Special) brought twenty-five recruits into our ranks, her Corps is active along all lines and she is thoroughly interested in all they do.

PERMELIA HAYES has visited the sick, attended funerals, given flowers on Memorial Day; arranged literary and musical afternoons for her Corps; planned patriotic programs for special days; had charge of reception and banquet for Department officers; visited schools; brought in ten new members; initiated sixty-seven; attended conventions; received the loyalty pin given by the Department.

FLORENCE G. SOUTHWORTH has only missed eight meetings of her Corps in twenty-one years.

A. M. SIREY (Special) presented flags to two public schools on Flag Day; had charge of exercises on Memorial Day, added seven to her Corps roster; visited many small Corps, has tried to be worthy of the honor conferred.

ALICE TIRRELL writes: "Have attended several flag presentations, given practical help wherever and whenever needed or requested; gave money from my own purse to help three small Corps; presented a set of flags to a new Corps. My love for the work and veneration for the remnant of that mighty host who defended their country — our country — are beyond expression.

NORTH DAKOTA. Aides appointed, 7; reporting, 1.

LIZZIE A. JOSSELYN (Special) writes: "I am recruiting this year, have presented twelve names to my own Corps; as Department President I have been instrumental in adding more than one hundred names to our entire membership."

OHIO. Aides appointed, 25; reporting, 7.

ALICE E. MATTHEWS: "The outlook for Ohio is very encouraging. We feel that every old soldier should belong to the Grand Army and

are using our efforts to accomplish this. There is a gradual growth in all the Corps and all work harmoniously; have not done much along special lines."

NETTIE B. GREENFIELD (Special) says of her Corps: "Every member knows what a great school the W.R.C. is; they also know the meaning of 'freeborn American women' and how we came to be such." She has "added many recruits to Post and Corps and done much along patriotic lines."

KATHERINE BROWN is trying to reinstate delinquents.

JENNIE F. CLARK secured positions for several veterans; assisted the Post and Corps in many ways.

FLORENCE BURNETT has been critically ill, is just recovering.

JULIA PEGLES: "It has been impossible for me to find new members."

ELLA H. WAY (Special) called upon the sick of Post and Corps, remembering them and all "shut-ins" with post cards; visited many Corps and added eight to roll of membership.

OKLAHOMA. Aides appointed, 7; reporting, 2.

MINNIE BILLINGS (Special): "I have made every effort to build up our Order in Oklahoma. Have corresponded with various Posts in regard to organizing Corps; have worked incessantly for the advancement of the W.R.C.; presented five new members to my Corps."

ELIZA J. SHASTEEN has been a member of the Order twenty-three years and the wife of a veteran forty-seven years; has gained six recruits for her Corps and is thoroughly interested in the good work.

OREGON. Aides appointed, 4; reporting, 1.

JENNIE B. HIGGINS: "I have assisted in every way possible to further the work in this State; the Corps are doing well, especially along patriotic lines. I have been called on several occasions to make the address at the presentations of flags to schools. We are not lacking in patriotism in this western country."

PENNSYLVANIA. Aides appointed, 5; reporting, 2.

JENNIE C. KIRKER (Special) organized a Corps in Philadelphia; added seven to her own Corps and one recruit to the Post; attended three inspections, installed the officers of the Corps and has done much else worthy of mention.

JULIA CARRINGTON (Special) sent interesting letter; her heart is in the work.

POTOMAC. Aides appointed, 23; reporting, 5.

MARY A. DOW (Special) visited many Corps; attended three camp-fires, spoke at each; was present at the Department Convention of

Massachusetts W.R.C., the Daughters of Veterans and the Spanish War Veterans; made patriotic addresses at three schools.

MARY H. SMITH: "I am sorry I have not been able to recruit our ranks."

ANNA E. RANK has done much to promote the interest of her Corps; secured one new member.

JEANNE HARVEY STREET has given over thirty dollars in relief.

SUE M. CAREY (Special) is a breadwinner but finds time to attend Corps meetings; succeeded in reinstating an old member.

RHODE ISLAND. Aides appointed, 9; reporting, 3.

M. E. COOLEY (Special) says: "Rhode Island is full of patriotic women; no opportunity is lost to serve the Grand Army boys."

MARY KNIGHT was unable to do as much as she desired because of illness in her family; reclaimed one old member, gained one new.

ANNIE L. PENDER (Special): "I should like particularly to write of two Corps in our Department. Ballou Corps of Central Falls held a fair for the purpose of enabling the comrades of their Post to attend the National Encampment; \$600 was realized. Babbitt Corps of Bristol is raising money by the means of the 'Penny Strips,' for the comrades of Babbitt Post to attend the Encampment. The Department officers had a May party at the Soldiers' Home; we carried 135 May baskets, tied with red, white and blue ribbons and filled with candy, etc.; they were very artistic. We played whist; we gave cigars, pipes and tobacco for prizes — had plenty for all, those that played and those that did not; the old soldiers were delighted.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Aides appointed, 11; reporting, 4.

MRS. C. M. ABRAHAMS is very loyal and patriotic; regrets that ill health has prevented her doing any special work.

MINNIE L. FOX writes: "Cannot report five new members but have three, and that will help some."

AMANDA N. JOHNSON has done splendid committee work; brought in five new members.

MINA COLE sent letter saying she had added one new name to Corps roster.

TENNESSEE. Aides appointed, 10; reporting, 4.

ANNIE FORD JOHNSON (Special): "I have visited many schools, enlisting an interest in patriotism. Lincoln's birthday one of our teachers (who had twenty-six relatives in the Confederate Army) had most interesting patriotic exercises; had a large picture of Lincoln (her own purchase) draped with a flag I had presented her room. This evidence of patriotism from the source means a great deal in the Southland."

ELIZABETH PENTICOST (Special) writes: "Tennessee is growing in the cause every day. Secured three members."

ZARAH C. FORD reports the Corps in Chattanooga growing nicely, doing good work and very enthusiastic.

MARY C. PETERS: "I have done all I can to further the interest and increase the membership of the W.R.C. in the sunny South."

TEXAS. Aides appointed, 5; reporting, 1.

CLARA M. ALT (Special) organized a Corps with twenty-five charter members; presented a large flag to the High School and an oleograph to one of the grades; May 29 heard the first Memorial sermon ever preached here; Decoration Day had an open air meeting in the park, strewing flowers on the water afterwards, in memory of our sailor dead; working earnestly to promote patriotism and love for our Flag in the Southland.

VERMONT. Aides appointed, 4; reporting, 4.

MARY L. RISING (Special) as Department President saved one Corps from surrendering its charter; encouraged others to more active work; gained two for her Corps and several for the Post.

ELECTA MURPHY sent a cordial letter but no report.

MARY BECKWITH has visited many Corps; attended exemplifications in various parts of the Department; finds everywhere the spirit of loyalty.

PHILA L. LAMSON's special work has been recruiting; added six to Corps roster.

WEST VIRGINIA. Aides appointed, 11; reporting, 1.

MARGARET MCKIBBEN has earned the "yellow ribbon." Her splendid report says: "Our Corps has gained ten new members; birthdays of Washington, Lincoln and McKinley were observed; exercises Memorial Day were largely attended; participated in two flag presentations; have secured two recruits for Post; visited the sick members of Post and Corps; busy now soliciting funds for a monument in memory of our boys."

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA. Aides appointed, 14; reporting, 7.

EMMA GIBBS (Special): "The year has been a busy one. Have secured five for my Corps, but it is in the Department as a whole that I am most interested. We have gained 1,129 members; gave one hundred dollars to the Grand Army, gave the same amount to start a fund for a monument; no request for a flag has been turned down; the work we love most is doing all in our power for the comfort and pleasure of the men we delight to honor."

MARY A. GARDNER (Special) is ever busy for the good of the Order.

MATTIE BAIRD is interested in recruiting our ranks; has added six but is not going to stop there.

MARY E. SPAULDING writes interestingly of her Corps.

EVA ST. CLAIR OSBURN (Special) inspected three and installed four Corps; brought in five new members, paid initiation fee for same; much interested in the entire work.

SARAH E. ALLEN has been unable to visit Corps, the nearest one is fifty miles away; her own is up and doing and has accomplished much along patriotic lines.

KATE J. BURNHAM writes: "I have just been elected Department Treasurer and am quite busy with my new duties; am entitled to have my name on the Roll of Honor, five recruits to my credit; secured the removal of the remains of two comrades from the potter's field."

WISCONSIN. Aides appointed, 14; reporting, 9.

ANNIE E. NOYES (Special): "Wisconsin is forging ahead; six Corps were organized during the year ending June 30, two through my efforts; we will have a bimonthly W.R.C. paper, beginning in July.

JULIA E. STRAUBE is serving her third term as President; has memorized the ritual.

AMELIA FLANAGAN is arranging a flag drill to be given at the District Convention; has formulated good plans for bringing members back to the Order.

ALFREDA McINTIRE writes: "I am thoroughly interested in all our work."

JENNIE LAMBERSON says: "Thanks to the liberality of our pension laws and the frugality of the old soldier, but little is needed."

ELLEN P. WEATHERBY (Special) writes: "Can't find recruits for the W.R.C. as easily as we did a few years ago."

CORA E. HARRIS (Special), Department Press Correspondent and editor of the *Wisconsin W.R.C. News*, has served her Corps as Secretary and Musician for ten years. Helped organize a Corps at Milton Junction; visited many others and is devoted to the work.

ELLA M. BRESEE: "Together with my home interest goes this work, for the Union veteran and his dependent ones. My father was the oldest Past Post Commander in the world."

MARTHA H. BROWNLEE (Special) helped at the organization of a Corps and added five to her Corps membership.

DETACHED CORPS.

VIRGINIA. Aides appointed, 2; reporting, 1.

E. PANSY COLGAN (Special) writes: "I have presented framed oleographs to the Lincoln and Whittier Schools; assisted in decorating 11,000 graves of Union soldiers in the National Cemetery; helped in

strewing the historic waters of Hampton Roads with flowers in memory of our Sailor-Soldier Dead; scattered sunshine by going to the wards of the Soldiers' Home Hospital every Sunday afternoon with flowers for the sick comrades."

The National President assigned to the Aides a special work to recruit the ranks of our Order, by the addition of new members or by regaining those suspended or dropped from the rolls. The Aides responded nobly to the appeal, and through their zealous labors many more will work during the coming year for the veteran soldier and his dependent ones. As an incentive to effort a Roll of Honor was established, on which to record the names of all Aides who could bring five or more members into the Order. The Aides have worked faithfully; some have been able to secure but the five needed to place their names on the roll, others have brought many more. All merit praise and congratulation for their successful work, and it is with sincere pleasure that I here inscribe their names upon

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

California and Nevada

Lizzie B. Cross
Hettie M. Palmer
Margaret Martin
Josephine Mapes
Minerva Karner
Mary E. Livingston
Carrie W. Dibble

Colorado and Wyoming

Ray A. Yambert
Kittie Hughlitt
Eloise Lehow
Delia Buell
Olive Killin
Elizabeth Cunningham
Stella Kyle
Helen A. Sills

Connecticut

Lois Irene Earl

Illinois

Adela Wilson
Millie Sibley
Elizabeth Ellithorpe
Frances Wells
Alice Harter

Illinois

Ella Funk
Mattie Mayo
Anna Patterson
Mary Tompkins

Indiana

Ascha M. Yount
Jennie Bowser
Alice Stewart Pike

Iowa

Georgia McClellan, Jr.
Lizzie M. Swafford
Katherine Farmer
Ida M. Smyth
Emma Harper
Margaret Kinman
Kate Hanchett
Lu Schrack
Laura Butters
Addie Unangst
Flora Moorhead
Mary Hansen
Fannie Blazer
Annie Pearson
Fredericka Philpot
Annie E. Pearson

Kansas

Kate E. Lewis
Dora J. Rogers
Ella Miller
Kate Pond
Sarah E. Staplin

Louisiana and Mississippi

Elnora D. Washington
Nellie Williams

Maine

Cora L. Prince
Amelia H. Soule

Maryland

Annie Rhonig

Massachusetts

Lucy A. Thompson
Gertrude Mellen
Susan D. Phinney
Cynthia A. Sleeper
Nellie A. Tracy
Helen Mulford
Lucy L. Turner
Estelle McCarty
Mary Gomley
Emily Abbott
Marietta Chipman
Jennie Manning

Michigan

Nellie Dodge Whitbeck
Louisa Elliot
Mary Ford

Minnesota

Bertha I. Maher
Lucie S. Lewis
Ella B. White
Nella Williams

Missouri

Louise Kuntz

Montana

Mary Parks Flanders
Alice L. Free

Nebraska

Mary E. Cuddington

New Hampshire

Ella I. Mason

New York

Nellie Bayless
Marie Snavley
Sarah Cantwell
Hester Mapes Conklin
Zephy P. McEntee
Permelia Hayes
A. M. Sirey

North Dakota

Lizzie A. Josselyn

Ohio

Nettie B. Greenfield
Jennie F. Clark
Ella H. Way.

Oklahoma

Minnie Billings
Eliza J. Shasteen

Pennsylvania

Jennie C. Kirker

Potomac

Christiana E. Butcher

South Dakota

Amanda Johnson

Texas

Clara Alt

Vermont

Phila L. Lamson
Mary G. Beckwith

Washington and Alaska

Emma Gibbs
Eva St. Clair
Mattie Baird
Kate J. Burnham

West Virginia

Margaret McKibben

Wisconsin

Julia Straube
Annie E. Noyes
Martha Brownlee

I am most keenly appreciative of the honor conferred upon me in being selected to serve our beloved National President as Senior Aide and Chief of Staff. Realizing that the appointment carries with it responsibilities and duties as well as honors, I have spared neither time nor effort in working for the advancement of our noble Order. The cordiality and unfailing courtesy extended to me by the Aides have made my way easy and pleasant; I tender them my sincere thanks and appreciation. Our Order has been strengthened and advanced by their loyal and loving service.

The work for our Order and for our honored and gracious National President has been, for me, a labor of love.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

IDA E. PALMER,
National Senior Aide and Chief of Staff.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NATIONAL SENIOR AIDE

Letters were received from the following Aides after completion of the foregoing, those reporting special work being designated by a star (*).

California

*Carrie Dibble
Grace Moesser
Rachel Hennacy
Nellie Leonard

Connecticut

Helen Root
Mina Oldershaw
Mary A. Perry
Katherine Cook

Florida

Mary F. De Graw

Illinois

Martha Welch
Lida Wagner
Etta Gretter
Electa Kirk
Nellie Wilkinson
*Mary Tompkins

Iowa

Artie Brobst
Alice Lytle
Jennie Whedon
Celia Holman
Jean Tompkins
Nannie B. Howe
Nora Bryson

Indiana

*Alice Stewart Pike
Ella Jenkins

Kansas

Emma Forter

Maryland

Catherine Luber
Lottie Frey
*Annie Rhonig

Massachusetts

*Florence Haynes
*Annie Brown
Carrie Emerson
Olive M. White
Eliza Allard
Eleanor Brown

Michigan

Cordelia Rhoades

Missouri

*Mary M. Stark
Bertha Heuser
Mary Mettler
Rose Ellidge
Jennie Tuckerman

New Hampshire

Eliza P. Emerson

New York

Regina Demarest
Anna Patterson

New Jersey

Elizabeth Risdon

Ohio

Mattie E Lear

Pennsylvania

Jennie Riday
Jennie B. Penny

Potomac

*Christiana E Butcher
M R Sprague
Nora Bryson

Texas

*Sarah E. Bonnell

Wisconsin

Sadie Carmen
Julietta Morris

Total number Aides reporting, 329.

IDA E. PALMER.

REPORT OF KATE BROWNLEE SHERWOOD

Representative on Increase of Widows' Pensions

TOLEDO, OHIO, June 30, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: It is with deep regret that I write you that the hope I expressed on behalf of legislation to remove the time limit of 1890, so as to allow the widows of soldiers married after that date the benefit of the present law, has come to naught.

It was manifested very early in the first session of the Sixty-first Congress that no legislation on behalf of the soldier classes would be enacted. The Administration asked for decreased appropriations in internal affairs, and so far as soldiers and soldiers' widows were concerned this recommendation was rigidly enforced.

We had looked to the Senate to pass the widows' bill, as they had done in the Sixtieth Congress, but unanimous consent was denied them by opponents of the measure. Senator Root, of New York, gave notice that he would oppose the widows' bill, on the grounds that women who married soldiers after 1890 were of an unworthy class — that they married for mercenary motives.

Senator McCumber was ill and in the hospital the latter part of the session and could not give us the benefit of his experience in legislation; but Senator William Warner, on whom we relied, gave me as his opinion that "this is a generation that knew not Joseph."

This is the conclusion forced upon us, and the Woman's Relief Corps must face the fact that never, in our history, have we been called upon to take more determined action on behalf of the brave men of 1861-65 than now.

It is true that some old soldiers have married unworthy women since 1890. But legislation should never be for a class, and the principle of constitutional law that "it is better that ninety-nine guilty men escape than that one innocent man suffer" may well be applied now. One worthy widow should establish that principle, but those of us who know how the woman of the second marriage has kept the little home together, reared and educated the children of the first wife, cared for her soldier husband in his declining years and laid him

decently to rest with the badge of the Grand Army on his bosom, know that ninety per cent of the widows married after 1890 are worthy to be classed with the true and patriotic women of the land.

In the Ohio Soldiers' Home two hundred and fifteen veterans died last year. Upwards of five hundred are out on summer leave; and yet there are but four empty beds, while applications are increasing. These men will not be long with us. The widows—some married after 1890—they leave behind them are dear to them. Who will care for them if we do not?

On all hands the call on the Woman's Relief Corps is great. But let us never forget that we were organized to help the brave men who bore the burdens of an heroic day. That we rigidly observe the charge of Abraham Lincoln, "to care for them who have borne the brunt of battle, their widows and orphans." Lest we forget:

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to secure such adequate pension legislation in Congress as will house, clothe and protect our veterans in their old age, and give just and adequate pensions to their surviving widows.

Resolved, That the bill to pension soldiers' widows now pending in the United States Senate is just and equitable, and we unite in asking its immediate passage.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

KATE BROWNLEE SHERWOOD,
Representative on Increase of Widows' Pensions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREVENTION OF DESECRATION OF THE FLAG

OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL TRIBUNE BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D.C., August 31, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary, W.R.C.

Madam: The Massachusetts Constitution of 1780 declared that this is "a government of laws and not of men;" in other words, men are not a law unto themselves, but are subject to laws made by a majority for the government of the whole.

And this is why 164,000 loyal, patriotic women and several hundred thousand veterans of the War of the Rebellion are protesting against the humiliating uses to which a few lawless men are subjecting the flag,—a few men whose moneyed interests and business greed have swallowed up all pride of country and Constitution, and whose only concern for the flag is a selfish desire to see how far they can prostitute its bright colors to base uses. In their nefarious schemes they have been aided and abetted by government officials either too ignorant or too careless to care for the degradation they were bringing upon the country's emblem.

I am now reporting to you for a third time as Chairman of the National Committee on Prevention of Desecration of the Flag. You have honored me highly, ladies of the Convention, and I render to you my thanks thrice over for the honors thrice conferred.

We, your Committee, do not bring to you much garnered wheat perhaps, yet, if you will bear with me a little, I think I can show you that we are eating into the monster of greed and selfishness which has done more to tarnish the flag than all the years of horrible war did.

I worked indefatigably for a hearing, but Congress was so absorbed in other things that it seemed impossible to get an hour of the time of the Committee on Judiciary.

April 8 I received the following letter from Judge J. A. Goulden of New York:

MRS I. W. BALL.

Dear Madam: A hearing before the Committee on the Judiciary Sub-committee will be held on Tuesday afternoon, April 12, at three-thirty, to consider the flag bills.

Very truly yours,

J. A. GOULDEN.

Bring some influential people with you.

I notified my Department President, Nora B. Atkinson, and staff; all the members of my Committee; Past National President Kate B. Sherwood; Major Mawson, Commander of the Department of the Potomac, Spanish War Veterans; W. V. Cox, President of the 7th Street National Bank, a Son of the American Revolution, whose uncle, S. S. Cox, introduced the first flag bill in Congress, Senator Chas. Curtis, John McElroy, and a dozen others. Then I invited Representative Washington Gardner and several other members of the House, and the members of the I.W.B. Flag Association.

The hearing was held before the full Subcommittee, Judge Moon of Pennsylvania presiding. It was by long odds the largest and most enthusiastic committee meeting we have ever had. Nearly a dozen speeches were made. The chairman, Judge Moon, said what no other chairman of the House committee has said before, "I am firmly of the opinion that we should have a National statute protecting the flag from desecration." Judge Moon also paid Past National President Kate B. Sherwood a splendid compliment. He said that she had made the only really legal argument of the hearing, and with her name coupled that of your Chairman, so you may feel satisfied that the Relief Corps representatives acquitted themselves with honors.

I am afraid you will think I have brought you only a handful of chaff, but indeed, ladies of the Convention, we who live at the seat of war and have watched with anxious eyes and aching hearts the unspeakable degradation to which the flag has been subjected in years past know — *we know*, ladies — that there is a change for the better.

A member of my own Corps in reproachful vein declared that as I had been at work on this bill for prevention of desecration of the flag for three years, and nothing had been accomplished, it seemed to her that somebody ought to "get a move on them."

Of course, that member was ignorant of the facts in the Flag Bill work or she would not have made such a blunder.

The Chairman of your National Committee did not originate the work and never drafted a Flag Bill in her life. She has no desire to assume virtues that she does not possess, and even less desire to reap where she has not sown.

Mrs. President, legislation for prevention of desecration of the flag is older than the Woman's Relief Corps, and the first strenuous objection to the use of the flag as an advertising medium dates back to our great Lincoln. During the heated political campaign of 1860-62 the flag was found to be a fine medium for political advertising, and it was used very widely. President Lincoln and Secretary of State Seward sent to Congress an earnest protest against this desecration of the flag, and suggested some law to protect the national emblem from degrading uses. Nothing ever came of it.

Four other Presidents, Grant, Cleveland, Harrison and McKinley,

were strongly opposed to using the flag in any other than a legitimate way, and protested against improper uses. General Grant was deeply outraged when he found that his name was printed on a flag hung across the street in his home town of Galena. He ordered the flag taken down and his name removed. He said, "There is no name so great that it should be placed upon the flag of our country."

President Roosevelt strenuously opposed ignoble use of the flag and said to me, "I shall be glad to approve proper laws for protection of the flag."

President Taft said to me a few months ago, "There ought to be strong laws against improper uses of the flag."

The very first legislation — or attempted legislation — to prevent desecration of the flag was in the shape of a bill introduced of his own volition by Hon. S. S. Cox of New York, April 15, 1878, but it failed of passage. January 7, 1880, Hiram Barbour of Ohio introduced such a bill, but it died the death. Since then from one to half a dozen bills have been introduced at every term of Congress, but they have all gone back to the paper mill to be ground into pulp to make more paper on which to print more bills, and so on *ad infinitum*.

While this is true and seemingly mighty discouraging, I am quite sure that if you will scan the results of the quiet work of all these years, you will agree with me that a whole lot has been accomplished. Great reforms cannot be achieved in a week or a year. We are now ninety millions of people. One million aliens land upon our shores each year. A million people is a heap, let me tell you. Our own are not too well informed as to the Constitution and their rights under it, and what can you expect of a gang of half-baked foreigners alien to our customs, our language and our laws, and whose conception of liberty and freedom is that they are synonymous of license?

So it is that the little leaven of love for the flag has to do duty at our ports of entry over and over again each year. Our patience wears threadbare and hope gets fearfully frazzled as we work and wait and pray for God to give the increase in greater love for the flag.

I have a dream, Mrs. President and ladies of the Convention, chimerical possibly, but I've thought about it so long and so ardently that it looks feasible to me. I spent a day recently at Ellis Island, having a government tug at my disposal, and on that day seven great steamships disgorged eight thousand immigrants. These were largely gathered from the mires of the Old World, the flotsam and jetsam that tyranny and oppression are eternally flinging as human wreckage along our shores. Hour after hour I paced the wharfs, looked into the faces of the men and women and played with the children, and I tried to comprehend in my limited way the enormity of the burden resting upon the United States in educating these low-

browed, would-be citizens, and I thought out my idea right there that day, with "Miss Liberty's" torch as a sort of inspiration to light the way.

Could not the Woman's Relief Corps formulate a pamphlet of a few pages for distribution to these immigrants in which would be printed the ethics of good citizenship?

I would have on the first page a flag in good colors with "Presented by the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic." On the four pages or eight inside I would print as briefly as possible the prime historical facts concerning the settlement and formation of the government, birth of the flag and such other historical facts as seem vital. This book should be about postal card size, no larger, and should be for free distribution to immigrants; to Corps or other organizations that wish to buy in quantity the pamphlet could be sold at first cost.

The immigrants cherish things of that character and will prize it for the flag. When they learn to read they will prize it yet more.

I ask the Committee that considers this report to give my dream at least a passing thought.

Now, let me tell you how respect for the flag is growing. The States, finding that Congress was slow to give us a United States statute protecting the flag, began protecting the flag by piecemeal. Oddly enough, South Dakota, one of the newest States, was the first to secure a flag law in 1897; and Kansas, born of rebellion, was the last, in 1905.

The States adopted flag laws as follows:

South Dakota, February 26, 1897.	Wisconsin, Legislature of 1901.
Minnesota, April 21, 1897.	Michigan, May 1, 1901.
Pennsylvania, April 29, 1897.	Rhode Island, April 3, 1902.
Vermont, November, 1898.	Maryland, April 8, 1902.
New York, February 22, 1899.	Ohio, April 29, 1902.
California, March 2, 1899.	Utah, March 4, 1903.
New Hampshire, March 10, 1899.	New Mexico, March 14, 1903.
Maine, March 17, 1899.	Missouri, March 23, 1903.
Massachusetts, April 10, 1899.	Delaware, March 31, 1903.
Connecticut, April 19, 1899.	Nebraska, April 8, 1903.
Illinois, April 22, 1899.	New Jersey, March 2, 1904.
Arizona, Legislature of 1899.	Porto Rico, March 10, 1904.
Iowa, took effect July 4, 1900.	Idaho, 1905.
Oregon, took effect Feb. 27, 1901.	Wyoming, 1905.
Indiana, March 11, 1901.	Oklahoma, 1905.
Washington, March 18, 1901.	Kansas, April, 1905.
Colorado, March 28, 1901.	

Altogether, thirty-three States have adopted flag laws. If all the States would do this we could let Congress go hang, but you will note

that there is not a southern State in the list and there never will be. At our hearing the Chairman of the Committee assured us he could give us a law for the District of Columbia, but I told him that we did not want it. I knew it would be the death knell of a national law if we got one for the District. There are many patents and trade-marks on the flag protected by the United States Patent Office, and these form one of the greatest stumbling-blocks to our success in Congress. "Old Glory Beer," "Our Flag Whisky," "Congress Rye," and trade-marks like these are protected by patents, and as there are millions invested in the trade-marks, "vested interests" cut a heap more ice with members of Congress than patriotism and love of a clean flag.

In 1902, however, the Commissioner of Patents ruled that the United States flag and the portrait or name of the President or any member of his family could not be used as a trade-mark. Having done this much, he went further and on the third day of March, 1903, extended this ruling to prevent the use of the Shield or the Great Seal as a trade-mark.

He withheld approval of the desired trade-mark, holding "that the introduction of the national colors in trade-mark designs is against the public policy, cheapening the emblem in the eyes of the people and taking from its patriotic significance and sanctity." You can readily see the remarkable condition of affairs. Presidents have importuned for a clean flag and promised to sign such a bill, but Congress could not see that it had any power to disturb vested rights; but here is a Commissioner of Patents clothed in a little brief authority, who suddenly assumes to dictate to a nation, and nobody utters a word of protest. How I wish we had more men like this Commissioner of Patents! Surely that is a whole wheatfield of straws showing how the wind is blowing toward decency for our national emblem.

When I commenced a crusade for the flag in 1895 in Washington, I would have been howled at in derision had I suggested that the law would some day compel a pause in using the star-spangled banner for wrappers for oranges, for decorating rolls of toilet paper, for door-mats, casing for Virginia hams and a hundred other commodities, yet by simple decision of the Commissioner of Patents all these are forbidden now and cannot be registered.

Another ineffably distressing desecration is the printing of all sorts of foul advertisements on the white stripes of the flag. An army officer, a gentle, courtly old veteran, who had followed the flag for fifty years, told me that the common uses of the flag abroad, particularly in the Philippines, was to designate bawdy houses. I have been informed that this condition of affairs no longer exists, and that such use of the flag meets with condign punishment from military officers.

How many of you are able now to buy flag napkins and tablecloths? I have not been able to get them either in Washington or Baltimore. I did not want any, but I asked for those things to see how the dread of the law works. I am told that the firms manufacture only a few now, as there is no call for them.

You see in those thirty-two States that have flag laws such articles would come under the ban. And let me tell you another little story. About five years ago it was necessary to retiling the entry to the National House of Representatives. To my horror, when I entered that place on my return to my work in the press gallery in the fall, I had to walk on red, white and blue tiles forming the shield, which some idiot of an artist had designed with scroll-like ribbons fluttering out from it. I had asked for a very prominent member of the House, and just as he appeared on the scene my wandering gaze lighted on that tiled floor. I was so mad that instead of soliciting the interview, I landed on the distinguished gentleman with a tirade on the unpatriotic members of the House and a threat to give them individually and collectively, in the string of papers I handled, a blast that they would not soon forget. The M.C. was as indignant as myself when he finally found out what I was driving at, and, to make a long story short, last summer the shield tiling was removed and plain put in its place. I do not say that I did it, for others took it up, but a prominent official said that it was easier to put down new tiling than it was to hide out every time certain women came to the Capitol. I am not a suffragist, but I am militant to the heart's core when it comes to fighting for the flag.

Admiral Dewey has also noticed the difference in the respect paid to the flag. "I have seen during my service in the navy great advances in the respect shown it even by our sailors," he says. "In the olden days it was not uncommon for a flag to be folded and used as a cushion in a boat, but this would not be thought of at the present time. Indeed, the flag is now regarded as a most sacred object in the navy, and on board ship whenever it is hoisted all work stops, all hands stand silent and every officer and man salutes. I hope that the day is not far distant when all people shall cease to abuse or desecrate the flag of our beloved country."

The work we are doing in the public schools in Washington is having its effect also. The younger children are being taught love and reverence for the flag, and you can have little conception how all this ramifies and reaches out. I was in a moving-picture show one night last week when a war-time scene was being enacted. There were a number of young children present. In a mad charge of a Union troop the color bearer was shot and fell with his colors. Just behind me was a small boy, possibly ten years of age, accompanied by his father,

As the color sergeant went down, the boy cried out excitedly, "Oh, catch it! You all oughtn't to let the flag touch the ground!"

The boy's father pulled him back into his seat and a soft southern drawl said, "It is only play, son." "Papa, they should not let the flag touch the ground even in play," he said earnestly. Just then the troop charged again and picked up the flag, and the little lad frantically clapped his hands, as did I and a lot of others.

The United States Express Company was once one of the greatest foes of our bill, but the back of that corporation is broken. Its trade-mark was originally a striped square that looked like the flag, with an American eagle hovering over it. This trade-mark could not even cross any one of the thirty-three States mentioned awhile ago, and so to be able to do business in these States the trade-mark has been changed. This change was made in 1908. Senator Platt of New York was then living and was president of the company, I believe. We have been hammering on this flag desecration through the press and through Congress, and several flag bills were on the calendar. Senator Platt undoubtedly saw the handwriting on the wall, and the order went forth.

If we are unable to impress our own people with the importance of what we are trying to do, how can we expect to interest strangers? The National President asked in General Orders and I have importuned from the National platform for endorsement of this work of my Committee, and I come before you with a little handful, about fifty in all. Among these are a few from Departments.

My own dear Kansas, through the Department President, Sarah E. Staplin.

The Department of Ohio, Lulu F. Hoffman, President.

The Department of California and Nevada, Carrie W. Dibble, Department President.

Severance Woman's Relief Corps No. 75, Department of Kansas, Severance. Alice Bowman, President; Edith Heeney, Secretary.

Lincoln Woman's Relief Corps No. 6, Department of the Potomac, Washington, D.C. Ellen S. Myers, President; Margaret A. Walker, Secretary.

Burbank Woman's Relief Corps No. 84, Department of Massachusetts, Woburn. Lottie A. Greene, President; Mary I. McLane, Secretary.

Phil Sheridan Woman's Relief Corps No. 12, Department of the Potomac, Washington, D.C. Sallie E. Ferren, President. Marion F. Parker, Secretary. Committee, Lucy S. Weaver and Mary Van Ness Fauth.

James Bryant Woman's Relief Corps No. 54, Department of

Minnesota, Minneapolis. Committee, Cora B. Horton, Addie E. Bolkcom, Carrie V. Stratton.

Stillwell Woman's Relief Corps No. 105, Department of Indiana, Colfax. Rebecca Vale, Treasurer; Hattie Benefiel, Secretary.

John E. Perkins Woman's Relief Corps No. 80, Department of Wisconsin, Augusta. Committee, Arminta Anderson, Fannie Judge, Laura A. Livermore.

E. J. Griggs Woman's Relief Corps No. 81, Department of Massachusetts, Belchertown. Eliza C. Hoag, President; Julia D. Hubbard, Secretary.

Fitzgerald Woman's Relief Corps No. 100, Department of Michigan, Hastings. Jennie E. Skillman, President; Mary E. S. Maynard, Secretary.

Preston B. Plumb Woman's Relief Corps No. 70, Department of Kansas, Emporia. Marian Stratton Nation, President; Margaret Colyar, Secretary.

James Shields Woman's Relief Corps No. 208, Department of Kansas. Agnes Van Horn, President; Fanny Dey, Secretary.

Union Woman's Relief Corps No. 197, Department of Ohio, East Trumbull. Estella J. Craig, President.

Kilpatrick Woman's Relief Corps No. 281, Department of Illinois, Chicago. Isabella Shaffer, President; Martha Andrews, Secretary.

Gilman C. Parker Woman's Relief Corps No. 101, Department of Massachusetts, Winchendon. Estella Sargent McCarty, President.

Hans C. Heg Woman's Relief Corps No. 52, Department of Wisconsin, Waupun. Emily A. Whaley, President.

McGregor Woman's Relief Corps No. 13, Department of Rhode Island, Phenix. Harriet A. Hill, President; Mary E. Kendall, Secretary.

George G. Meade Woman's Relief Corps No. 136, Department of Illinois, Chicago. Clara Kemp, President; Alma Estrup, Secretary.

James Comerford Woman's Relief Corps No. 113, Department of Wisconsin, Chippewa Falls. Charlotte Simpson, President.

Woman's Relief Corps No. 50, Department of Pennsylvania, Scranton. Emma Moses, President.

Department of California and Nevada, Woman's Relief Corps, San Francisco. Carrie W. Dibble, President; Eliza Shepard, Secretary.

Department of Ohio, Woman's Relief Corps, Wilmington. Lulu F. Huffman, President; Anna I. McCoy, Secretary.

Department of Kansas, Woman's Relief Corps, Ellis. Sarah E. Staplin, President; Kathryn Ealden, Secretary.

The Department of Potomac, Nora B. Atkinson, President; Julia Mason Tayton, Secretary.

Now we have something like three thousand Corps, so you can see that enthusiasm for a clean flag is not rampant in the Woman's Relief

personal service of notice cannot be had, depositing in United States mail, addressed to the last known post-office address of the accused, shall be considered sufficient.

Every opportunity possible shall be given the accused to make her defence. As far as practicable the Committee shall be composed of her peers. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee shall be borne by the Corps of which the accused is a member, except as provided in Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this Article.

SECT. 5. Charges having been preferred against an officer, she shall be suspended from the duties of her office by Corps, Department or National Presidents, in their respective jurisdictions.

SECT. 6. In case of charges against a Corps President, the Senior Vice-President shall appoint an Investigating Committee, and take charge at Corps meeting of all proceedings relating to the case. The accused shall be entitled to all privileges of new evidence if produced within thirty days, and referring of same to the Department President (or National President where no Department organization exists), whose decision shall be final.

SECT. 7. Charges against Department officers, except Department President, shall be referred, if charges have been entertained, as provided in Section 4, to the Department President, who shall appoint the Investigating Committee, and their majority vote of findings and penalty shall be submitted to her for decision, which shall be final; provided, however, that the accused may produce new evidence within thirty days, which shall be submitted to the Department Council and their majority decision shall be final. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee and Council shall be borne by the Department.

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Senior Vice-President shall then appoint an Investigating Committee consisting of five Past National officers, whose majority findings and penalty must be approved by a two-thirds vote of National Council, their decision to be final, except new evidence be produced within thirty days, when the accused may appeal to the National Convention. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee and Council must be borne by the National organization.

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This Committee shall consist of two members appointed by the National President from the Department of which the accused is a member, two members from the same Department appointed by the National President on recommendation of Department President, and the fifth to be chosen by the four members of the Committee so named.

Charges shall be made in writing by the National President and a copy sent the accused.

The Investigating Committee, through its Chairman, must give the accused at least ten days' notice of charges and place of meeting, as provided in Section 4 of this Article.

As far as possible the Committee shall be composed of peers of the accused. The findings and penalty of this Committee to be approved by two-thirds vote of National Council, their decision to be final; provided, however, the accused may produce within thirty days new evidence, this also to be submitted to the National Council, whose majority vote shall be final. Necessary expenses to be borne by the National organization.

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"Special Orders" by Corps Presidents must be approved by the Department President, or by National President where no Department organization exists.

All papers relating to charges, notice to accused, investigation, findings and penalty shall be filed at Corps, Department or National Headquarters, according as final decision is rendered.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

ABBIE LYNCH,
AGNES HITT,
FANNY E. MINOT,
Committee.

If a staff or pole is erected on the building the same rule will apply to the length of the pole on the ground. Adding the height from the ground to the base of the pole on the building, the two added together will give the approximate length.

FLAG POLES AND THEIR EQUIPMENTS.

While hard wood may answer for the short poles of 25 to 50 feet, they do not give the long life and durability of the iron pipe.

If practicable the wooden poles should be in one length, gradually tapering from the base. The ornament for the crown should be a wooden or copper ball finished with XXX gold leaf, and the body of the pole given three coats of dark weather-proof paint, black is the most durable. The pulley and cleat should be of galvanized iron. Halyards of medium size, strong twisted rope twice the length of the pole, with metal snappers attached to the ends of the halyards with small copper wire. Cleats should be securely fastened to the pole with screws, and out of the reach of inquisitive hands. This caution will save trouble and expense should the halyards be tampered with.

Iron pipe comes in 20-foot lengths. When made into flag poles, two sizes are telescoped and bolted together, making a rigid joint and waterproof by painting, adding other joints in the same manner until the required length is obtained. For a 100-foot pole, 5 to 6 joints of pipe are required in sizes 6, 4, 3 and 2½ inch, the same proportion in making poles 25, 40, 50, 75 and 85 feet in length. The equipments are much the same as for wooden poles; the only difference is in the ball to ornament the crown of the staff, which should be copper, also the pulley, as they will not rust, but will stand the weather better. The halyards, strong rope of medium size, snappers of galvanized iron and cleats of the same material. Pole planted with concrete of cement, stone or gravel. Copper wire cable halyards are not desirable on account of their stiffness; strong, pliable rope draws the flag up with elasticity and firmness. All poles, wood or iron, should have three coats of durable paint before being erected.

For durability and economy iron pipe is the best and cheapest, prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00 complete, knocked down for shipment. Caution should be used in ordering iron pipe poles by seeing that they are properly and securely telescoped and bolted together, otherwise they will not be satisfactory.

HONORS TO THE SCHOOLHOUSE FLAG.

The flag should be raised over the schoolhouse or grounds every school day at the morning hour, ten minutes before the bell rings

for the scholars to assemble in their respective classrooms, and lowered when the school is dismissed in the afternoon.

The principal of the school might favorably consider the appointment of four scholars to serve as color guard as a reward of merit for good deportment, whose duty will be to raise and lower the flag each day for one week or more at the morning and evening colors.

In raising the flag at the morning hour, scholars who are present should stop in their walk or play and stand at attention facing the flag until it reaches the crown or top of the pole or staff, and remain standing until the halyards are attached to the cleats. The same honors should be observed in the afternoon, when the school is dismissed for the day, boys uncovering their heads and girls standing at attention, all facing the flag.

By observing these rules the dignity and honor to the colors will be better understood and appreciated, and in the future develop a reverence and respect for the flag that will never be forgotten when manhood and womanhood are reached.

In raising and lowering the colors they should not be allowed to fall or touch the ground, but should be carefully gathered up in the arms of the color guard or custodian of the school. If the flag should be wet when taken down, spread it out in the schoolroom until dry, then neatly fold. In inclement or winter weather it may be advisable not to raise the flag every school day, especially when the weather is stormy. This question should be left to the discretion of the principal of the school, who is the proper person to decide all such matters.

The large flag, however, should be unfurled on the flag pole or staff on all legal holidays and at half mast on the death of a teacher of the school, and on Memorial Day.

On raising and lowering the flag avoid jerking it up or down; raise and lower it gently, slowly and carefully. This will not only be impressive, but will add dignity and reverence for the flag.

CLASSIFICATION AND USE OF BUNTING FLAGS.

That the co-workers of the Woman's Relief Corps along the line of patriotic instruction may have a more intelligent knowledge of the flags of our country, I have arranged and compiled from the United States Army regulations the following official sizes that are recognized as United States regulation flags made only from the best high-grade, double warp American wool bunting and banner silk.

The Garrison Flag is the National Flag, thirty-six feet fly and twenty feet hoist, is used by all important military posts, hoisted on holidays and important occasions.

The Post Flag is of the same material and design of the national flag, is twenty feet fly and ten feet hoist, furnished to all garrisoned posts and is hoisted in pleasant weather and on special occasions. This Post Flag is the size so popular with Departments for presentation to high schools in the cities where Department Conventions are held.

The Storm Flag is also of the same material and design of the national flag, is eight feet fly and four feet two inches hoist. This flag is furnished to all occupied military posts, national cemeteries, etc.; is used as a recruiting flag, and might be called an everyday or general utility flag for stormy, windy and all kinds of weather.

The United States regulation parade or battle flags are also constructed from the high-grade bunting. The old Civil War design, retired in 1895, six feet six inches fly and six feet on the staff or pike, is still a great favorite with veterans of the wars previous to 1895.

The new United States regulation parade flag adopted by the War Department, June 1, 1895, is five feet six inches fly and four feet four inches on the staff or pike. These two sizes are made more generally of a high-grade banner silk, trimmed and mounted according to United States regulation.

All other sizes catalogued by flag manufacturers are called trade or commercial sizes, conformed and designed to the United States regulation flags, but not in sizes. With only the difference in sizes they are recognized by all trades, commercial agencies and citizens in general, for which any size in the catalogue list will be appropriate for schools and all other occasions except the United States Government.

When bunting flags are retired from long usage they should be either laundered and draped in the schoolroom or destroyed by fire or buried in the ground and never be allowed to be used for any purpose than that for which they were intended; for to use an old, worn-out flag for any other purpose than I have named herein will be a desecration of the flag and punishable in nearly every State in the Union by a penalty and imprisonment.

When further information is desired I shall try to answer all questions intelligently, taking the United States Army and Navy regulations as my authority.

With fraternal good wishes along the lines of patriotic instructions in our public schools, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

CAPT. WALLACE FOSTER,

W.R.C. National Sponsor for the American Flag.

RESOLUTIONS

PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

OF THE ·

TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Presented by National President Jennie Iowa Berry:

RESOLUTION No. 1.

That Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1, Rules and Regulations, be amended by adding:

"Any member of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing in his Post may, upon presenting an application made upon regular blanks provided by the Corps and signed by his Post Commander, receive a Visiting Card, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, which shall, for the time specified on the card, entitle him to admittance without the password, to all meetings of the Corps auxiliary to his Post."

That any changes in Rules and Regulations made necessary by the adoption of this Amendment be made, and that the forms for Application Blank and Visiting Card now in the hands of the Committee on Rules and Regulations be adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 2.

That the tax of Provisional Departments be reduced to two cents per member per quarter.

Presented by National Treasurer Charlotte E. Wright:

RESOLUTION No. 3.

That hereafter three copies of Secretaries' blanks, Forms A and D, be sent each quarter to each Corps by Department Secretaries and by National Secretary to Detached Corps.

Corps Secretaries shall forward two copies each of Forms A and D, when filled out, with *per capita* tax, to Department Secretary and file one copy for future reference. Detached Corps Secretaries shall forward two copies each of Forms A and D, with *per capita* tax, to National Secretary.

Three copies of Forms C and F shall be sent Department Secretaries, who shall forward, when filled out, two copies of each blank, with *per capita* tax, to National Secretary and file one copy for future reference.

Presented by National Chaplain Clara L. Campbell:

RESOLUTION No. 4.

Recommendation No. 1. That all General Orders of Departments be sent each National officer for her information.

RESOLUTION No. 5.

Recommendation No. 2. That hereafter Forms K and KK be sent Department Chaplains not later than February 1, with instructions to turn them over to their successors, except those in office on May 30, who must compile Memorial Day reports.

RESOLUTION No. 6

Recommendation No. 3. That no member accept the office of Corps Chaplain who cannot comply with its requirements, especially in promptly reporting to Department Chaplain, who cannot otherwise report acceptably to National Chaplain.

Presented by National Inspector Cora M. Davis:

RESOLUTION No. 7.

Recommendation No. 1. That each National Inspector state in her report which of the Detached Corps were officially inspected and which were not.

RESOLUTION No. 8.

Recommendation No. 2. That a new blank to be known as Form UU be made for use of National Inspectors in tabulating Detached Corps Reports Form U, to be printed with her report to National Convention.

RESOLUTION No. 9.

Recommendation No. 3. That a new supply of Form S be printed to conform to all of the changes in Form R that have been made since the last edition, or that shall have been made at the close of the Atlantic City Convention.

Presented by National Patriotic Instructor Mary M. North:

RESOLUTION No. 10.

Recommendation No. 1. That Numbers 7, 8 and 9 of Form VV be printed as on Form VVV issued in 1906.

Presented by National Press Correspondent Margaret Garey Wright:

RESOLUTION No. 11.

Recommendation No. 1. That the following questions be added on Form XXX, Press Correspondents' blanks, viz.:

11. Number of Corps Press Correspondents reporting?
12. Number of Corps in Department?

RESOLUTION No. 12.

Recommendation No. 2. That Corps Presidents request Corps Press Correspondents to prepare news items and see that they are placed in their local paper, and a written report from Corps Press Correspondents sent to Department Press Correspondents semi-annually, June and December 1.

RESOLUTION No. 13.

Recommendation No. 3. That Corps Presidents see that their Corps Press Correspondents fill out Form X and return same promptly to their Department Press Correspondent, not later than June 1, so that Department Press Correspondents may tabulate the same on Form XX and file same at their Department Headquarters.

RESOLUTION No. 14.

Recommendation No. 4. That Department Presidents require Department Press Correspondents to tabulate Form X on Form XX, filing same at Department Headquarters prior to their Convention; also to see that Department Press Correspondents consolidate on Form XXX and have the same officially signed and returned to National Press Correspondent not later than July 1.

Presented by Sarah D. Winans, Chairman Andersonville Board:

RESOLUTION No. 15.

Recommendation No. 1. That we set aside five thousand dollars from the Andersonville Permanent Fund, holding it in trust for the Memorial University, for the beginning of an endowment fund, the amount to be determined later. The interest of the fund to be paid, at the close of each year, to the Memorial University.

RESOLUTION No. 16.

Recommendation No. 2. That Corps Patriotic Instructors ask the management of public libraries to provide for a patriotic shelf, devoted to the exhibit of books on patriotism, accessible to readers, and that upon this shelf be placed true and authentic histories of Andersonville and

other Southern prisons, such as John McElroy's history, and one written by Harry White, giving his experience of sixteen months in various Southern prisons.

RESOLUTION No. 17.

Recommendation No. 3. That Corps Patriotic Instructors be instructed to supply to libraries within their jurisdiction copies of Department and National Journals printed within their period of service.

Presented by Kate Brownlee Sherwood, Representative on
Increase of Widows' Pensions:

RESOLUTION No. 18.

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to secure such adequate pension legislation in Congress as will house, clothe and protect our veterans in their old age and give just and adequate pensions to their surviving widows.

RESOLUTION No. 19.

Resolved, That the bill to pension soldiers' widows now pending in the United States Senate is just and equitable, and we unite in asking its immediate passage.

Presented by Committee on Question of Discipline:

RESOLUTION No. 20.

Amendment to Chapter V, Article VII, Rules and Regulations:

DISCIPLINE.

SECTION 1. Offences cognizable by the Woman's Relief Corps shall be:

First. Disloyalty to the United States or violation of the pledge to perpetuate the objects of the Order.

Second. Violation of Rules and Regulations or disobedience of lawful orders.

Third. Violation of the laws of the land.

Fourth. Conduct prejudicial to the good of the Order.

SECT. 2. Penalties to either are:

First. Dishonorable discharge.

Second. Suspensions for a specified period.

SECT. 3. A member can be dishonorably discharged only as provided in this Article.

SECT. 4. All accusations against a member of the Woman's Relief Corps shall be made in writing, and shall be read at a regular meeting of

the Corps of which the accused is a member, except as provided in Sections 8, 10 and 11 of this Article.

If charges are entertained by a majority vote of the Corps it shall be the duty of the Corps President to appoint a Committee of five impartial members in good standing in the Order, who shall investigate the charges, and whose majority vote of findings and penalty must be sustained by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a regular meeting, a written notice of such meeting having been sent every member of the Corps.

The decision of the Corps shall be final unless the accused produce within thirty days new evidence, which shall be submitted to the Department President (or National President where no Department organization exists), whose decision shall be final.

The Investigating Committee, through its Chairman, must give the accused at least ten days' notice of charges and place of meeting. If personal service of notice cannot be had, depositing in United States mail, addressed to the last known post-office address of the accused, shall be considered sufficient.

Every opportunity possible shall be given the accused to make her defence. As far as practicable the Committee shall be composed of her peers. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee shall be borne by the Corps of which the accused is a member, except as provided in Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this Article.

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"Special Orders" by Corps Presidents must be approved by the Department President, or by National President where no Department organization exists.

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Presented by the Department of Illinois:

RESOLUTION No. 21.

That the Department of Illinois again petition the National Convention to admit the comrades of the Grand Army to our meetings, simply as visitors, to be optional with Departments.

RESOLUTION No. 22.

That the Department of Illinois petition that Chapter III, Article VI, Section 12, Rules and Regulations, be amended to read: "Who *may* audit the accounts of the Treasurer quarterly, but *must* audit them semi-annually."

RESOLUTION No. 23.

WHEREAS, The G.A.R., W.R.C., and State of Illinois have failed to provide for the helpless and incurably diseased wives, widows and daughters of soldiers, sailors and marines; and

WHEREAS, Corps find great difficulty, and at times impossibility, to provide proper care and desirable surroundings for said incurable wives, widows and daughters of said soldiers, sailors and marines, thereby causing Corps to be subject to unjust censure, hindering our work for these needy and helpless dependants, therefore be it

Resolved, That we do ask this Convention to thoughtfully consider and take action to relieve these distressing conditions, and furnish a comfortable place for the declining days of these helpless needy ones, thereby scattering flowers and not thorns on their pathway to the grave. Approved by the Committee, with the recommendation that this Resolution be referred to the National Convention that it may receive the careful consideration of the entire Order.

RESOLUTION No. 24.

Resolved, That the Department of Illinois petition the National Woman's Relief Corps to support the Chair of Applied Patriotism established in the Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, and urge all Departments to concentrate their efforts for its success.

Presented by the Department of Iowa:

RESOLUTION No. 25.

That the Department of Iowa petition National Convention to have National Printer systematically number the receipts and receipt stubs in Department and Corps Treasurers' Receipt Books.

RESOLUTION No. 26.

That the Department of Iowa petition National Convention to add to Requisition Books a line, "Past Officers' Badges, forty cents."

RESOLUTION No. 27.

That the Department of Iowa W.R.C. respectfully petition National Convention to grant Departments who desire it the privilege of admitting comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic as visitors to all meetings of the Order.

RESOLUTION No. 28.

That the Department of Iowa petition National Convention to endow the Department of Applied Patriotism in Memorial University; that all donations and gifts received through our Order be applied to the support of said department, said endowment not to entail upon our Order any definite sum or amount, but merely that all gifts and donations from the Order be concentrated upon the support and development of the Department of Applied Patriotism in Memorial University.

Presented by the Department of Kansas:

RESOLUTION No. 29.

That District Presidents and Past District Presidents be given the same rank in Department Conventions as Corps Presidents and Past Corps Presidents; that this be made optional with Departments.

RESOLUTION No. 30.

That we petition our National Convention to provide for an organizer under the direction of the National President, the duties and salary of this officer to be specified by the National Convention to be held in Atlantic City in 1910.

Presented by the Department of Massachusetts:

RESOLUTION No. 31.

Resolved, That we petition the National Convention that the number necessary for a quorum in Corps having more than thirty members be reduced to five members.

RESOLUTION No. 32.

WHEREAS, In appreciation of the fact that Sarah E. Fuller has devoted the best years of her life to the work of our Order, her voice and counsels having for more than thirty years been an inspiration in the cause, and

WHEREAS, She served as the first President of the first Department organized as the Woman's Relief Corps and is deeply devoted to its interests, but on account of impaired health has recently been obliged to relinquish active work as a Department officer,

Resolved, That we petition the National Convention to allow the Department of Massachusetts to bestow upon Sarah E. Fuller the same honor that has been conferred upon her by the National Woman's Relief Corps — that of life membership on its Executive Board, thus enabling her to participate in the meetings of the Department Council, a privilege that will be highly prized by her and greatly appreciated by this Department.

And with this end in view we present the following Amendment to Rules and Regulations, viz.:

In Chapter III, Article IV, Section 2, after the word "members" in the fourth line, add: "Except in the Department of Massachusetts, which is authorized to elect, in addition to the five members of the Executive Board, a life member thereof in the person of Past National President Sarah E. Fuller, the mother of the 'mother Department,' and now the only life member of the National Executive Board."

Presented by the Department of Montana:

RESOLUTION No. 33.

That this Department petition the National Convention W.R.C. to admit the members of the Grand Army as honorary members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Presented by the Department of Ohio:

RESOLUTION No. 34.

That the Department of Ohio petition National Convention that in the issuing of Charter supplies to new Corps the full quota of Rituals be furnished instead of, as at present, three Rituals and Officers' Duties Cards.

RESOLUTION No. 35.

WHEREAS, Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, have instructed their delegates to report to next National Encampment their earnest petition for the passage of the \$1.00 (one dollar) per day pension to all veterans who have served ninety days or over, therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Ohio Woman's Relief Corps report to National Convention our hearty concurrence in such resolution and pledge our delegates to National Convention to secure a like action on the part of our National Convention. Though the death roll grows longer year by year, yet, owing to inadequate pensions, the increased cost of living and inability to perform manual labor, the call on the Relief Corps was never greater than now. We are, therefore, united in our demands for a dollar a day pension for veterans and a removal of the time limit, in order to bestow pensions on all classes of soldiers' widows.

Resolved, That the Woman's Relief Corps throughout the Corps of the Department set aside a special hour for the observance of Flag Day, June 14, and that the Patriotic Instructors do their utmost to have the custom taken up in our schools. Also that a special hour be set aside by every Department Convention for its observance.

Resolved, That the Woman's Relief Corps urge the passage of the bill introduced into Congress to prevent the desecration of the flag in using it for advertising purposes, and urge their Senators and Representatives in Congress to do all in their power to secure early action.

Resolved, That the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention, Department of Ohio, Woman's Relief Corps, petition National Convention to unite with them in the action they have taken on the Dollar a Day Pension Bill for veterans, on the removal of the time limit for widows' pensions, on the observance of Flag Day and on legislation by Congress to prevent desecration of the flag, and that official copies of the resolutions as herein named be sent at once, signed by the Department President and Secretary now on duty.

Presented by the Department of Oregon:

RESOLUTION No. 36.

We, the women of Oregon, realizing in fullest measure the trials under which small Departments labor, do most earnestly implore your honorable body to carefully consider the resolution we present. In our opinion,

based on daily personal experience, we believe the time has come, fifty years after the beginning of the great struggle, when the comrades enfeebled by age should be admitted as honorary members to the business sessions of the Woman's Relief Corps, this law to be optional with Departments.

Presented by the Department of South Dakota:

RESOLUTION No. 37.

We, the Department of South Dakota, do petition National to send an organizer to South Dakota, the expense to be paid by National.

Presented by the Department of Vermont:

RESOLUTION No. 38

WHEREAS, It was voted at the Twenty-sixth National Convention to eliminate Article VII, Chapter V, from Rules and Regulations, thereby depriving National, Department and Corps Presidents of all power of discipline over Corps members, and rendering our Rules and Regulations of no account; and

WHEREAS, The result of such action is found to be detrimental to the best interests of the Order, therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the Department of Vermont Woman's Relief Corps, in the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention assembled, do hereby petition the National Convention which convenes September next that Article VII, Chapter V, be fully restored to its original place in Rules and Regulations, until the National Convention accept such revisions or amendments as may be presented, and that any member violating any of the provisions of said Article be subject to the penalties named therein.

Presented by the Department of Wisconsin:

RESOLUTION No. 39.

WHEREAS, Many teachers object to displaying the Oleograph of the Stars and Stripes in their schoolrooms, because of the small type in which it is printed and the poor and uninteresting style in which it is written,

Resolved, That the Department of Wisconsin petition the National Convention to revise the Oleograph, using larger type and better language

RESOLUTION No. 40.

That Corps be allowed to mark the station of Patriotic Instructor with a flag like those used by the Color Bearers.

Presented by Mary L. Gilman, Past National President:

RESOLUTION No. 41.

That Article XX, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, be amended by striking out all after the words "Rules and Regulations," which refers to gummed slips for Ritual and Service Book.

RESOLUTION No. 42.

That a new section be added to Article V, Chapter III, Rules and Regulations, to read as follows:

"Section 4. The list of Delegates as elected by Department Conventions shall be printed in Roll of National Convention without change. In case of the death or resignation of a Delegate, the names of Delegates shall not be changed, but all changes made in list of Alternates. In case of the death or resignation of Alternates, their names shall be dropped and the vacancies filled by Department Council, such names to be placed at bottom of list of Alternates in order of their election."

Presented by Eliza Brown Daggett, Past National Secretary:

RESOLUTION No. 43.

As to the Woman's Relief Corps is accredited the placing of flags on the schoolhouses from Maine to California, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend the work into every Sunday-school room. With the coöperation of ministers and teachers, a penny collection might be suggested on the Sabbath near Flag Day, that the children might have a part in the presentation of flag to their school.

Presented by Isabel Worrell Ball, Past Member National Executive Board:

RESOLUTION No. 44.

Amend Article IV, Chapter II, Section 2, page 9, Rules and Regulations:

"Any member who has paid *in advance* all dues *for the time specified in the transfer card, which shall not exceed one year*, shall receive such transfer card signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, upon verbal or written application to the President at a regular meeting of the Corps. Upon its presentation to any Corps within *time specified on date of issue*, she may be admitted in the manner prescribed in Article III, Chapter II.

"A member holding a valid transfer card is entitled to the password *to time for which dues are paid in advance*. If at the expiration of the *time for which dues have been paid* she has not been admitted to membership in any Corps, the transfer card shall be void and the holder, upon the return of her badge, *shall receive an honorable discharge from the Order. She*

shall not be considered honorably discharged, nor shall she be eligible for membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, so long as her badge is not returned.

"On rejoining the Order the member is not entitled to past honors."

This is in accord with Grand Army of the Republic rules.

RESOLUTION No. 45.

Amend Section 1, Article III, Chapter II, page 8, Rules and Regulations, fourth line from the bottom, as follows:

"A member holding a valid transfer card may, after rejection in one Corps, apply to any other Corps and be admitted, if acceptable, and she may become a charter member of a new Corps."

RESOLUTION No. 46.

Cut out last three words in Section 1, Article III, Chapter II, Rules and Regulations, *"or organized Corps."* A woman could not become a "charter" member of a Corps already organized.

RESOLUTION No. 47.

At end of Article VII, Chapter V, page 31, Rules and Regulations, entitled "Civil Courts," restore all of the Article of old Discipline which occurs in the Red Book under Article VII, Chapter V.

RESOLUTION No. 48.

Add as paragraph to Section 1, "Meetings of Corps," page 10, Rules and Regulations, the following:

"Corps must establish, either by By-Laws or by direct vote, the hours for convening Corps meetings, and these shall not be changed until due notice, in writing, has been given each member, and the change has then been approved by a majority vote of the Corps."

RESOLUTION No. 49.

Add paragraph to appointment of Investigating Committee, in Ritual:

"When more than one investigating committee is to be appointed, all names shall be announced, each member rising as her name is called. All shall then proceed to the altar and receive instructions on eligibility for membership, and a copy of Rules and Regulations shall be presented to the chairman of each Committee."

RESOLUTION No. 50.

Amend Article XXIII titled, "Alterations and Amendments," page 35, Rules and Regulations, so as to conform with resolution adopted by Twenty-seventh National Convention on a permanent Committee on Resolutions.

RESOLUTION No. 51.

Abolish Section 4, Article IV, Chapter II, page 9, Rules and Regulations:

"Department Presidents may grant a special dispensation to member out on transfer, etc." It seems wholly unnecessary.

RESOLUTION No. 52.

Renumber Section 5, page 9, Rules and Regulations, making it Section 4.

RESOLUTION No. 53.

Substitute as Section 5 the following, page 9-

"Every former member of the Order who makes application for readmission must present to the investigating committee her expired transfer card, which may at any time be exchanged for an honorable discharge as provided for in Section 5, Article IV, Chapter II.

"On rejoining the Order the member is not entitled to past honors."

RESOLUTION No. 54.

REINSTATEMENT

Amend Section 2, Article IV, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, as follows: After the word "Roll" add a new paragraph as follows:

"Such dropped member may be reinstated on a regular application in the Corps that dropped her in manner prescribed in Article II, Chapter II, entitled Admission to Membership, and upon payment of an amount equal to one year's dues, when in possession of the badge. If elected, she shall be reobligated by the Corps from which she was dropped, or upon the written request of the Corps reinstating her she may be reobligated in any Corps within whose jurisdiction she may reside.

"If, however, the Corps to which the member belonged persistently refuses to reinstate her she may after two years make application in any Relief Corps, making a full statement of her case, and upon payment of an amount equal to one year's dues, when in possession of her badge. Or she may be admitted as a new member of said Corps as prescribed in Article II, Chapter II, Admission to Membership, of Rules and Regulations, or she may become a charter member of a new Corps."

Upon reinstatement the member shall not be entitled to past honors.

This is in accord with Grand Army of the Republic rules.

Presented by James A. Garfield Corps No. 21, California:

RESOLUTION No. 55.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Relief Corps is instituted for and auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition the National Woman's Relief Corps to provide that comrades in good standing in their own Posts may sit in our Corps meetings.

Presented by Giddings Corps No. 171, Ohio:

RESOLUTION No. 56.

WHEREAS, The members of the Grand Army of the Republic are fast passing away, are old, in feeble health, and very few are able to attend their Post meetings, especially in rural districts, therefore be it

Resolved, That all Grand Army comrades in good standing be eligible to honorary membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, without the pass-word.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONVENTION.

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National Senior Vice-President: The able address of our National President will be referred to the Committee on President's Address. I wish to thank the Convention for the excellent attention given during the reading.

Anna B. Tuck-Sapp, Illinois: I move that a rising vote of thanks be given our National President for her able address and the faithful service she has given our Order during the year.

The motion, seconded by Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President, and several others, was stated by the National Senior Vice-President and carried by a rising vote, the Convention standing for a moment in token of thanks to the National President.

National President: Ladies, I appreciate this expression of your approval of my work.

Ida E. Palmer, Senior Aide and Chief of Staff: Will the National officers please rise and the National Aides please come to the front?

Ida E. Palmer: Mrs. President, the National Aides and all the members of your official family who have had the honor and pleasure of working for our noble Order under your direction during the past year have caught the glow of your spirit and, irradiated by your courage, fidelity and loyalty, have wrought with an ardor and enthusiasm due to your inspiring leadership. The letters received breathe affection and loyalty and warm regard for those high attributes of your character which merit unqualified praise.

Desiring to embody our regard in tangible form, we have brought as our gift of love this diamond. As the rays of light are centered in its radiant depths, so the rays of love from all our hearts converge toward you. As this diamond embodies in its dazzling glory the beauties of all other gems, so you in your charming personality embody the virtues and graces of noblest womanhood, to which we gladly offer our homage and affection. When our official relations are severed may this, our messenger, still speak to you of our loving regard, which shall be yours through all the years to come.

Mrs. Palmer then presented Mrs. Berry with a beautiful solitaire diamond ring.

National President: My dear Chief of Staff, I appreciate this exquisite gift, but still more do I appreciate the thought that lies

back of the giving. Forgetfulness of self has characterized all your work, thought for others continues to mark it in these closing days. All through the year you have been of the greatest assistance to me, and for this crowning evidence of your personal loyalty I thank you.

To my staff officers and Aides I extend my sincere thanks. What an army of you there are here today! It is most gratifying to have so many of you present at the close of the year's work which you have each helped to make successful.

Your work has been in many respects a remarkable one, that will leave its mark upon the history of the Order. Much of it has been work that can be measured and weighed; that which cannot be so computed will live in the work of those who come after you. I do not need this beautiful present to help me to remember you, for I shall ever cherish the memory of your friendship, and would ask to in turn be remembered by each of you. I will always wear this ring which is a token of your love and esteem. I thank you.

The officers and Aides were then seated.

National President: Ladies, Dr. Snyder, pastor of this church, is in the room and I would ask Mrs. Lulu Smallwood, President of the Atlantic City Corps, to escort him to the platform. Color Bearers, attention! We would like Dr. Snyder escorted with the colors.

The pastor was brought to the platform.

National President: Ladies, it gives me pleasure to introduce to you Dr. Snyder, pastor of this church. Let us give Dr. Snyder our salute.

Dr. Snyder was given the salute of the Order.

Dr. Snyder: Mrs. President, I thank you for having given me this opportunity of looking into the faces of this intelligent audience. A patriotic heart always makes a face more radiant, and I know of only one sight more inspiring than this audience, and that is the American flag. Recently I returned from a trip abroad, and in overhauling my baggage the custom-house officer found a silk American flag.

"Did you purchase that abroad?" he asked.

"No, sir," I answered, "I took that with me when I left home and carried it with me wherever I went, and I waved it in the face of the king of England." And this morning I waved that same flag to the veterans of the Grand Army as they marched in parade. Monday was a sad, yet glorious anniversary, the anniversary of the battle of Cedar Creek. My father died later from disease caused by the severe mental strain caused by his service in the army.

He was with his regiment, the 156th New York, in battle, and during the engagement he felt a slight attack of the toothache and reaching into his pocket for some tobacco to ease the toothache he put his hand to his mouth only to find that he could not open it.

In the place of it being the toothache he felt his jaw had been shattered by a bullet. That would have been a sad thing for some women, I fear. Father, being wounded, was ordered to the rear, but refused to go and stayed in the fight until the end. And I am glad he was privileged to shed a little blood in defense of the Stars and Stripes.

You do not need to worry about the Sons of Veterans, they will always be true to the flag. I want to congratulate the Woman's Relief Corps upon having placed such emphasis upon patriotic teaching. We are not yet perfect; our principles are better than our practice; our theory of government is better than our politics; with our religious liberty and our many sects, many of the people still are without church homes. The poor in our great cities are crowded into miserable tenements, the criminal classes are increasing, and there is much for you to do in all directions.

We are in one of the world's great transition periods, and it seems as if God had reserved America as the stage for the greatest drama of all times. Here, better than anywhere else, can the struggle for higher equalities of liberty and justice and equal rights and all the great questions of labor and capital find their solution. Here is the field for universal education. "Blessed is the land whose God is the Lord," — the land that has the most exalted conception of God, the highest ideals of truth and justice and love, and the profoundest reverence for the good and the right.

The higher realizations have not yet come; our world has hardly dreamed of the goodness and greatness that will follow your efforts to exalt liberty and justice and truth and righteousness, and over all to lift higher the flag of union and brotherhood. May God's benediction rest upon all you may do here and follow you each one to your homes.

National President: Dr. Snyder, we thank you. We believe the atmosphere of this church will have its influence upon our Convention, and will help to keep its every transaction pure and holy.

Dr. Snyder was escorted from the room in due form.

National President: Ladies, Col. Thomas S. Hopkins, who has been our attorney in making the transfer of Andersonville Prison property to the government, is in the room, and I will ask Mrs. Winans to escort him to the platform, as you are all anxious to have a word from him.

Colonel Hopkins was introduced to the Convention and spoke briefly as follows:

Mrs. President, hearing Dr. Snyder tell of waving the American flag in the face of the king of England reminds me of a little story about a lady who while traveling abroad always wore pinned upon her breast a small American flag. One day she was asked if that was the emblem of some society to which she belonged, and she replied, "Yes, and there are ninety millions of us."

I will occupy only a few minutes of your time, but I know you are interested in the work I have been doing for you. I found the title to the Andersonville Prison property most complicated; in fact, so far as the records were concerned, the Woman's Relief Corps had no title to the land; but we got the matter all straightened out so that you gave a clear title of the grounds to the United States Government. In this matter Comrade Stillings was of great service to me.

There has been an expression of fear on the part of some that when the Andersonville Prison Park became the property of the government the wells would be filled up and other historic marks obliterated. The Judge-Advocate-General of the War Department has authorized me to assure you that no marks now existing will be removed, and that an effort will be made to carry out in every detail the ideas of the Woman's Relief Corps in preserving this memorial of the suffering of the men incarcerated at Andersonville. He has even told me that the caretaker of the grounds recommended by your Chairman of the Andersonville Prison Board would be retained.

Now, I would suggest that you erect there a bronze tablet or some other memorial which shall show how this property came into the hands of the United States Government, and thus perpetuate for all time the work of the Woman's Relief Corps in preserving this historic spot.

(Applause indicated that the Convention approved of this suggestion.)

Take to your hearts this thought, the men who were imprisoned at Andersonville were the bravest of the brave. They dug holes in the ground to shelter themselves, they had no fire to cook their food, and very little food of any kind, and yet every day the tempting offer of freedom was given them if they would take the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy. They were told that this oath would not compel them to bear arms against the Union, but only to act as nurse in the hospitals and to go upon sentry duty. It was the temptation of the devil, and yet those men withstood it, not one was disloyal to his flag.

The Andersonville Prison Park is the site of the greatest battlefield the world has ever seen. It was a battlefield where loyalty triumphed over the torture of mental and physical sufferings, and was true even unto death. I am glad that Andersonville Prison Park has passed into the hands of the government, so that the heroism of these men will never be forgotten.

It was the thought of the loyal women at home that nerved many a hand in battle; it was the remembrance of their prayers that helped the poor fellows in prison to remain true to their flag; and since the war these same women, in their organization known as the Woman's Relief Corps, have worked hand in hand with the Grand Army of the

epublic, so that whatever history may record of their achievements, on the same page the work of the Woman's Relief Corps will be written.

As the twilight deepens and the light of this world fades from our eyes, may you each hear the heavenly words, "Well done!"

National President: Colonel Hopkins, you have given us an idea which we thank you, and I am very sure this Convention will follow your suggestion as to placing a marker at Andersonville.

Colonel Hopkins was then escorted from the room.

National President: We will at once enter upon our memorial services, at the conclusion of which Convention appointments will be announced.

Esta B. Hann, New Jersey, brought to the platform a great sheaf of flowers.

National President: Ladies, this beautiful bouquet of roses is a gift from the Atlantic City Corps. We are very grateful for them, Mrs. Hann.

National President: Will those who are to take part in the memorial services please come to the front?

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National President: In the absence of our National Chaplain, Margaret F. Hinman, who was Department Chaplain of Iowa at the time I served as Department President, will lead us in prayer.

Margaret F. Hinman, Past Department Chaplain of Iowa: Dear Father, as we come to Thee at this quiet moment in this forget-me-not service, draw nigh unto us we pray Thee. Dependent upon Thee at all times, we especially feel our helplessness in the face of bereavement.

We thank Thee for the Christian character, the ability, the worth and the patriotism of our sisters whom Thou hast called unto Thyself. We thank Thee for the noble, self-sacrificing women who volunteered as army nurses, and at this time we would not forget that angel of mercy, the pioneer in their ranks, Florence Nightingale. We especially thank Thee for her life, for what she has done for humanity and for her living example of heroism. We also thank Thee for the sisters in our ranks that Thou hast called home this year. Their names are myriads, but each has worked all these years for the soldier and his dependent ones, some perhaps picked lint, each has given of her time and strength. May the green that surrounds this altar be typical of the life everlasting upon which they have entered.

O, God, as we turn from this service to life's responsibilities, restrain us from evil; quicken us in all good; strengthen us in every time of weakness; succor us in every day of temptation so that we may ever be ready for the great change and then hear the glad welcome of "Well done." We ask it in Christ's name. Amen."

Edna Irene Cale of Atlantic City then very touchingly sang "The Home Land."

National President: Convention will please stand with bowed heads while the National Secretary calls the roll of our honored dead.

The Convention so stood as the National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, called the roll of the dead, the organist softly playing "The Home of the Soul."

ROLL OF DEAD.

Past National Junior Vice-President:

MAY EVANS-REID, Washington and Alaska.

Past National Chaplain:

HANNAH U. MAXON, Ohio.

Past Department Presidents:

ARABELLA J. JOHNSON, Colorado and Wyoming.

ELIZABETH A. TRIMBLE, Kentucky.

ANNIE E. SHANNON, Maryland.

RUTH A. GRAHAM, Maryland.

EVA A. GRAY, Michigan.

SALENA F. SPRINGSTEEN, Ohio.

EMMA F. CRESSINGER, Ohio.

HANNAH U. MAXON, Ohio.

KATHRYN BLEYER, Wisconsin.

Army Nurses:

ELEANOR C. RANSOM, California.

ANNIE LEARY, California.

MARY DOUGLAS, Iowa.

ELIZABETH FAATZ, Iowa.

MARY KIRKPATRICK, Iowa.

MARY E. CROSS, Iowa.

ANNA SNYDER, Kansas.

MELISSA JANE SWEET, Kansas.

LIZZIE C. AUBURN, Maryland.

RUTH A. GRAHAM, Maryland.

MARY E. DANIELS, Massachusetts.

ADA JOHNSON, Missouri.

ELLEN G. MESSINGER, Missouri.

HANNAH U. MAXON, Ohio.

CERINDA LORD, South Dakota.

And two thousand, three hundred and seventeen members of the Order who have passed on during the year.

National President: Josephine H. Dunning, of Washington and Alaska, will speak a few words in memory of our Past National Junior Vice-President, May Evans-Reid.

Josephine H. Dunning: Mrs. President and ladies of the Convention, knowing that I would be called upon to speak for our Past National Junior Vice-President, May Evans-Reid, I wrote to a member of her own Corps to furnish me with data from which I could write the sketch, but am sorry to state that I have received no answer. Mrs. Reid died March 10, 1910, and was a woman beloved by all who knew her. That she was a worker in our ranks is shown by the fact that she was Department President of Washington and Alaska in 1890-91 and was elected National Junior Vice-President in 1899. Her death is deeply regretted by her associates.

National President: We will ever hold Mrs. Reid in tender memory.

Olive G. Williams, who was a personal friend, will speak of our Past National Chaplain, Hannah U. Maxon of Ohio.

Olive G. Williams: Mrs. President, in the rush of life we do not obtain the true perspective. It is only when one's work is done, and we stop long enough to survey from all sides the finished product, that we realize its proportions. Even then we forget the mass of detail necessary to bring out the final result.

On Memorial Sunday, May 29, 1910, the form of our loved sister, Hannah U. Maxon, was laid to rest and the solemn words were spoken over the grave of her whose life had truly been "one of service." She began teaching in 1860 in her home town of Gallipolis; but as that place is situated on the Ohio River and was near the front during the War of the Rebellion, the school building in which Miss Maxon taught was taken in the latter part of 1861 for a government hospital. Miss Maxon at once volunteered as a nurse, and as long as a hospital was maintained at Gallipolis continued, as she herself phrased it, "doing for the sister, or the wife, or the mother, or other loved ones, the many little acts of loving service which they were not privileged to render to their boys in blue."

In the early days of the war the government was careless in keeping hospital records, but Miss Maxon, then only a girl in her teens, with rare executive ability kept for her own use an accurate record of every individual brought to this hospital. This, proving to be the only register kept, was after the war obtained from her by the government.

When peace was declared Miss Maxon resumed teaching, and for forty-three years was a loved and honored teacher in the schools of her home town.

Although a charter member of her own Corps, so long as her mother lived her work in the Woman's Relief Corps was confined to her

own locality, but when "the little mother" no longer required the loving care and companionship of her daughter, Miss Maxon entered upon Departmental and National work. While still a teacher she served the Department as Senior Vice-President, Patriotic Instructor, President and Counselor. Upon retiring as a teacher she traveled over the State repeatedly as Inspector, her visits always inspiring Corps to work with greater zeal for the cause to which this organization is pledged.

The last year of her life she served the Department as Patriotic Instructor, and although experiencing the agony which accompanies cancer, she refused all opiates and sought to forget her sufferings by devoting herself to patriotic work, the announcement of her death following soon after the receipt of her Circular Letter to Corps Patriotic Instructors.

Other members of our Order may be as consecrated to the work as was she, none more so. She accepted office as a trust and discharged her obligations accordingly. The best she had she gave us,—time, money, self,—ever true to her motto, "The utmost for the highest."

In the name of her co-workers in the Department of Ohio, each one of whom feels her death as a personal bereavement, I place these flowers upon the altar in memory of Hannah U. Maxon, who has so richly earned the commendation from her "Elder Brother," "Well done."

Miss Williams then placed upon the altar a handsome spray of yellow dahlias, tied to which was a card bearing the inscription, "From the Department of Ohio, Woman's Relief Corps, in loving memory of Hannah U. Maxon."

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: Hannah U. Maxon was one of the noblest women of our Order, eloquent in speech and gifted as few are in prayer. Those of you who were in attendance at the National Convention held in Cleveland, nine years ago this month, will remember how sad our hearts were because the life of the President of the United States, William McKinley, hung in the balance, he having been struck by the hand of an assassin a few days before. Bulletins of his condition were announced throughout our sessions, and our anxiety was such that it was with the greatest difficulty we could attend to the duties at hand.

On Friday afternoon, while in the midst of a most important discussion, a messenger reported that the President had passed away. Every head was bowed and all seemed stunned by the great calamity that had come upon the nation. I was the presiding officer of that Convention, and in mind I can plainly see the form of Hannah U. Maxon as she rose and came forward to the front of the platform and, stretching out her arms, offered such a fervent prayer that it seemed

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as though she was inspired. Her words brought relief from the terrible strain we were under and a deep quietness prevailed.

A few years later I was privileged to nominate her for National Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps, an office to which she was re-elected for several consecutive years. We shall miss her greatly in our Conventions. With a well-trained mind and quick of perception, she was able to express herself clearly and forcibly. She had the true spirit of Christian womanhood, and above all was kind and thoughtful of others. Our hearts are sad today because of our loss, but the memory of a long life spent in the uplifting of humanity will ever remain with those who knew her and loved her.

National President: Nettie McGowan of Illinois, Past National Patriotic Instructor, will pay a tribute to the army nurses and the 2,317 members of our Order who have passed away during the year.

Nettie McGowan of Illinois: "Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight," and let us live, though but for a brief moment, in the memories of the glorious past.

The army nurses of the Civil War! What visions come to our eyes as we speak the simple words! We peer through the mists of a half century and see those heroic women of the early '60's who enlisted in the service of their country just as truly as did the loyal men of that day who took up arms in defence of the Union. The nurses were armed with quick eyes and deft hands, with kindly thoughts and loving sympathy, and with these arms they contested every inch of ground in their daily battle against death, wounds and disease. Many were the victims whom they snatched from the very jaws of death, stanching the bleeding wounds, binding up broken limbs, lulling the fever-racked body to rest, whispering words of hope and comfort to the dying, penning a last message for the dead.

What wonder that one who lay grievously wounded said, "We did not need to die to get a glimpse of heaven; for God sent His angels to us in the sweet-faced army nurses. They bound up our wounds, both physical and spiritual, and sent us out stronger and better men."

The years have been many since those dreadful days, and many of these faithful women have gone to their reward. But one short year ago a pitiful handful was gathered together in the great Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. One stepped forth from among them, strong, capable, modest and sympathetic, the very embodiment of our ideal of their service. Briefly she spoke of the ties that bound these noble women so closely together and bade them as the years wore on to "lean more heavily on the Elder Brother." A hush fell upon those who listened, for the veil between the here and the hereafter seemed very near and we knew that for some of us it would soon be rent asunder and we would see the glories of the land beyond.

She who spoke to us that day has pushed aside that veil, and with many of her sister workers is waiting for us who yet tarry by the way.

We mourn for her and for those others who have left us, while we cherish with even greater tenderness, as the jewels in the crown of patriotism, those army nurses who are still with us and who inspire us to better service and to renewed efforts.

But what of that army of 2,317 loyal women and true who have worked with us in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, but who have lost step and hastened onward, have already answered to the roll-call of the great Commander on High! In nearly every Corps room there stands a vacant chair; there is one whose counsel will be missed, one whose willing hands are still.

Some of these absent ones were called for service with us at the beginning of the day, when the task was long and the workers few. Some reported for duty when the sun was high in the heavens and showed us the need of increased activity and never-failing loyalty. Some came hurrying forward toward the close of the day, anxious to help e'er the sun went down and our services for the boys in blue should be but "in memoriam." But whether the services of our sister workers were long or short, we miss them, and to each and all who mourn we extend words of sympathy and love.

'Tis death that gives a soul to memory as we linger for a moment to weave this garland of cypress and immortelles to bind our workers of today to those who have gone, while we breathe a prayer that when our day shall come to walk through the valley of the shadow of death the sunshine of Faith may pierce the darkness, illumine our path and guide us all to the land where "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away and the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

National President: Let all rise while taps are sounded.

Convention stood with bowed heads while taps were sounded by Comrade J. F. Berg of the National Association of Civil War Musicians. This closed the memorial service.

National President: The National Secretary will read the list of Convention appointments.

The National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, then announced the following Convention appointments:

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

IN CHARGE OF PIER HEADQUARTERS.

Ida E. Palmer, Illinois, National Chief of Staff.

IN CHARGE OF PARLOR A. YOUNG'S HOTEL.

Lena T. Ring, Iowa, National Special Aide.

Mary A. Decker, New Jersey	Mary H. Dodge, Kentucky.
Lizzie Smith, Oregon.	Sarah E. Staplin, Kansas.
Elsie M. Powell, North Dakota.	Annie L. Pender, Rhode Island.
Lulu F. Huffman, Ohio.	Ida M. Pentreath, New York.
Nora B. Atkinson, Potomac.	Annie Ford Johnson, Tennessee.
Carrie A. House, Connecticut.	Lizzie Durham, Texas.
Alta M. Boram, Indiana.	Ada C. Ely, Maine

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary, *Chairman*.

Eliza Brown Daggett, New York.	Lue S. Wadsworth, Massachusetts.
Louise Spaulding Scovill, Illinois.	Ida K. Martin, Minnesota.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

Margaret Garey Wright, National Press Correspondent, *Chairman*.

Elizabeth R. Berry, Massachusetts.	Ida M. Trenary, Illinois.
Mary M. North, Maryland.	Cora M. Harris, Wisconsin.

ASSISTANT NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Maria W. Going, Massachusetts.

STENOGRAPHER.

Olive G. Williams, Ohio.

MUSICIAN.

Sarah C. White, Indiana.

POSTMISTRESS.

Alice C. Dilworth, Nebraska.

ASSISTANT POSTMISTRESS.

Maggie Sunstrom, Maryland.

CONDUCTOR.

Addie E. Unangst, Iowa.

ASSISTANT CONDUCTORS.

Anna I. McCoy, Ohio.	Cora G. Lowery, Oklahoma.
Celia E. Rolfe, New Hampshire.	Elizabeth Wilkes, New Jersey.
Nellie Cole, New Jersey.	Nina B. Lovejoy, Massachusetts.
Marie B. Keller, Indiana.	Elizabeth J. Savage, Maine.

Appointed later, Blanche Hawk, California.

GUARD.

Hattie Ford, Rhode Island.

ASSISTANT GUARDS.

Nettie D. Hill, Massachusetts.	Lilian J. Bird, New Jersey.
Emma J. Southwick, New Jersey.	Alexina Briscoe, Maryland.
Jessie A. Sturtevant, Vermont.	Annie M. Schittig, New Jersey.
Margaret Sharp, New Jersey.	Cora Smith, Potomac.
Kate Lewis, Kansas.	Ida V. Cox, West Virginia.

Appointed later: Clara A. Lukens, South Dakota; Lydia C. Hopkins, Michigan; Emma K. McCammon, Ohio.

COLOR BEARERS.

Fannie M. Parsons, New York.	Emma Cox, Connecticut.
Emma G. Robertson, New York.	Elma S. Davis, Rhode Island.

PLATFORM AIDES.

Marion L. White, Indiana.	Georgia Wade McClellan, Jr., Iowa.
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COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Abbie Lynch, Pennsylvania, *Chairman*.

Agnes Hitt, Indiana.	Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac.
Regina Demarest, New York.	Elizabeth P. Sawyer, Massachusetts.

COMMITTEES ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

National President's Address:

Harriet J. Bodge, Connecticut, *Chairman*.
 Sarah E. Fuller, Massachusetts.
 Mary L. Gilman, Massachusetts.
 Jennie Whedon, Iowa.
 Margaret F. Hinman, Iowa.

National Senior Vice-President's Report:

Eliza Brown Daggett, New York, *Chairman*.
 Addie E. Unangst, Iowa.
 Helen A. Sills, Colorado.
 Lois Irene Earl, Connecticut.
 Katharine H. Moore, Montana.

National Junior Vice-President's Report:

Belle C. Harris, Kansas, *Chairman*.
 Florence O. McClelland, Illinois.
 Carrie R. Read, Missouri.
 Ada G. Mohr, New York.
 Gertrude P. Davis, Nebraska.

National Secretary's Report:

Ida S. McBride, Indiana, *Chairman*.
Abbie A. Adams, Nebraska
Armillia A. Cheney, Illinois.
Sue Browning, Iowa.
Belle W. Bliss, Wisconsin.

National Treasurer's Report:

Fannie M. Jones, Massachusetts, *Chairman*.
Jessie McKay, Iowa.
S. Annis Davidson, New York.
Nora B. Atkinson, Potomac.
Sarah M. Wilkins, Oklahoma.

National Chaplain's Report:

Cora M. Davis, Oregon, *Chairman*.
Sophia N. Strathearn, Wisconsin.
Laura W. Willow, Pennsylvania.
Harriette L. Reed, Massachusetts
Eliza A. Patten, New Hampshire

National Counselor's Report:

Dorcas H. Lyman, Massachusetts, *Chairman*.
Sarah D. Winans, Ohio.
Marie L. Basham, Iowa.
Alfaretta M. DeVine, Pennsylvania.
Lucie S. Lewis, Minnesota.

National Inspector's Report:

Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Massachusetts, *Chairman*.
Lena T. Ring, Iowa.
Florence M. Westcott, New York.
Alice C. Dilworth, Nebraska.
Annie M. Sparmaker, New Jersey.

National Instituting and Installing Officer's Report:

Nettie McGowan, Illinois, *Chairman*.
Nellie M. Bayless, New York.
Ellen V. Brooks, Utah.
Lida A. Oldroyd, Potomac.
Anna Belle Roberts, Maryland.

National Patriotic Instructor's Report:

Lodusky J. Taylor, Minnesota, *Chairman*.
Alice A. Slater, Connecticut.
Mary McGrath, Rhode Island.
Ida M. Trenary, Illinois.
Adda H. Hall, Michigan.

National Press Correspondent's Report:

Mary M. North, Maryland, *Chairman*.
Lizzie Belle Cross, California
Anna Patterson, Illinois.
Mary M. Stark, Missouri.
Josephine H. Dunning, Washington and Alaska.

On Andersonville Prison Board Report:

Sarah E. Phillips, New York, *Chairman*.
Florence H. Gates, Vermont.
Annie E. Noyes, Wisconsin.
Florence Haynes, Massachusetts.
Ida E. Palmer, Illinois.

*OTHER COMMITTEES.**On Report of Senior Aide and Chief of Staff:*

Sarah E. Fulton, New York, *Chairman*.
Eloise S. Lehow, Colorado and Wyoming.
Mary J. Osborne, South Dakota.
Lilah D. Lindsey, Oklahoma.
Edna L. Jewett, Vermont.

On Report of Committee on Transfer of Andersonville:

Mary L. Carr, Colorado, *Chairman*.
Agnes Hitt, Indiana.
Susie H. Carver, New York.
Ida M. Smyth, Iowa.
Emma K. McCammon, Ohio.

On Report of Committee on Legislation for Widows' Pensions:

Lois M. Knauff, Ohio, *Chairman*.
Marie A. Soule, Minnesota.
Maude Merrick, Maine.
Alice Stewart Pike, Indiana.
Mary F. De Graw, Florida.

On Report of Committee on Prevention of Desecration of the Flag:

Emma Stark Hampton, Michigan, *Chairman*.
Amelia F. Colgan, Virginia.

On Telegrams and Greetings:

Ida Shotts Pentreath, New York, *Chairman*.
Mary I. Hayes, Connecticut.
Mary E. Elliot, Massachusetts.

On Greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic:

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, California, *Chairman*.
Georgia Wade McClellan, Iowa.
Fannie D. W. Hardin, Colorado and Wyoming.
Lodusky J. Taylor, Minnesota.

To accompany Committee: Mrs. Van Sant, wife of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Eddy, wife of the Adjutant-General; Mrs. Towler, wife of Chief of Staff; Mrs. Torrance, wife of Past Commander-in-Chief.

On Greetings to Army Nurses:

Kate E. Jones, New York, *Chairman*.
Charlotte E. Wright, Connecticut.

On Greetings to Sons of Veterans:

Jennie L. Jones, Utah, *Chairman*.
Ida Shotts Pentreath, New York.

On Greetings to Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary:

Nettie McGowan, Illinois, *Chairman*.
Nellie F. Libbey, Massachusetts.

On Greetings to Ladies of the G.A.R.:

Geraldine E. Frisbie, California.
Adelaide F. Bissell, Minnesota.

On Reception of Visitors:

Emma Stark Hampton, Michigan,
and other Past National Presidents.

On Appeals:

Mary L. Carr, Colorado and Wyoming.
Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, California
Abbie A. Adams, Nebraska.
Agnes Hitt, Indiana.
Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac.

Lena T. Ring, Iowa: Mrs. President, I ask just a moment of the time of this Convention. We of the Department of Iowa feel so greatly honored in our National President, who is a member of my own Corps, that we like to show our appreciation of the great honor that has come to us; and so, Mrs. President, I have just this little token to present you from your own home Corps, also this personal remembrance from Marie L. Basham, Instituting and Installing Officer.

Mrs. Ring then placed upon the shoulders of the National President a silver-spangled scarf, and put into her hand a lace fan.

National President: Mrs. Ring, this gift is an utter surprise, and words are beyond me to express my feelings at this token of love from my Corps. They have even remembered my preference in gifts, — that they shall combine utility and beauty, — and as I wear this scarf tonight I shall remember the love of the members of T. Z. Cook Corps that has been with me throughout the year, and which I trust may follow me through life.

The National President then briefly acknowledged the gift of the fan, speaking appreciatively of Mrs. Basham as a friend and an officer faithful to every obligation.

Department President of Rhode Island, Annie L. Pender: Mrs. President, I do not wish to make any remarks; I only ask you to accept this little token of my personal love. (Giving the National President a box, which upon being opened was found to contain an exquisite monogrammed silver and crystal toilet water bottle.)

National President: Mrs. Pender, I thank you sincerely.

National President: Members of the Convention, you have kept splendid order and I thank you. There is just one thing more to come before us this afternoon. Our dear Sarah E. Fuller wishes a few moments of your time, and you will all be interested in what she has to say.

Sarah E. Fuller, Massachusetts: Mrs. President, for forty years I have tried to perform every duty assigned me by this organization, which aims to shed light upon the pathway of the defenders of the flag and those associated with them. No duty has been more pleasing and yet sad than this; pleasing because it is the bestowal of a token of our esteem upon an efficient and faithful worker, sad because it is the final work of a Committee that always brings to me memories of our loved Elizabeth A. Turner.

When the chairmanship of the Andersonville Prison Board was left vacant by her death, her mantle could have fallen on no more fitting shoulders than those of Sarah D. Winans; and now I am here in behalf of the Andersonville Prison Board to express our approval of our Chairman. Circumstances have been such that upon her has fallen all the work, and while we have tried to help her by our letters and advice, yet to her have fallen the long, tedious journeys and many lonely days at Andersonville.

She has been very faithful, yet we feel grateful that the time has come, and we are glad it is possible for her to be relieved of this duty, for Andersonville to be given in charge of the United States Government.

While we may have had differences of opinion about the little things, yet upon the main points we were all agreed, and our Chairman has been so brave and so willing to concede to the will of others that

I have been requested by the Committee to present her this token of our love which I now fill with God's own beautiful flowers (handing Mrs. Winans a beautiful, hand-decorated vase in which she placed a bouquet of cosmos). Every time you look upon it may it bring to your mind not only recollections of that sad but hallowed place, but of those who have been associated with you, and who have the greatest respect for you and your work.

Sarah D. Winans: Will the other members of the Andersonville Board please come to the platform?

Allaseba M. Bliss and Abbie A. Adams came forward.

Mrs. Winans: My dear sisters of the Andersonville Prison Board, you have taken me so by surprise that I can not find words to express my appreciation of this evidence of your kindness of heart. You must know how dearly I love flowers, and I thank you for this beautiful gift.

Andersonville is a lonely spot, — I wonder if any of you realize how lonely, — and yet I have so loved the work that I shall be lonely without it. I wish that you might have gone with me to Andersonville to have seen the bones washed up by every freshet, and to have heard the experiences related by the men who had been kept as prisoners there. Then you would not have wondered that I felt that a history of the sufferings of the soldiers at Andersonville should be handed down, that future generations should be inspired to greater patriotism by reading of the sacrifices that were made to preserve this nation.

And now I have a little present for each one of you who have been associated with me in this work; it is a piece of the old stockade that has been forty-five years underground. I wish I might have been able to have had a gavel made out of it for each one of you. Ladies, I do wish I could speak like others, that you might know how deeply I am interested in Andersonville and in perpetuating the memory of those who died and the heroism of those who endured so much rather than renounce their oath to defend the flag; or, as Colonel Hopkins says, take the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy, which, as he has told you, would not have bound them to bear arms against their comrades, but only to go on sentry duty.

I will relate only one instance that was told me by Dr. Griffitt, who was confined at Andersonville for six months. I marvel always, when I look at a comrade who was a prisoner at Andersonville for six months, that he should still be alive. Dr. Griffitt told me that the men suffered so with scurvy that their teeth dropped out and they were unable properly to digest their food, and those poor, starving men would go down to the cesspools and pick out the portions of undigested food and eat them that they might sustain life a little longer.

Now, there is another thing. While at Andersonville two comrades came from Tennessee and were so impressed with Andersonville that they went home and are now endeavoring to raise funds for a monument in memory of the seven hundred and eighty-two loyal Tennesseans who died in the stockade at Andersonville. They will be obliged to do this by soliciting subscriptions from their comrades and friends, as Tennessee was divided during the war and they can expect no appropriation from their State. I sent them a dollar and the caretaker at Andersonville sent them a dollar, and I hope many of you may feel an interest in little, loyal Tennessee and help them out in their noble effort.

I certainly appreciate this beautiful vase, token of your esteem, and will treasure it, and whenever I place a flower in it it will bring to me not only recollections of those who have been associated with me in the work, but of the beautiful rose garden at Andersonville and the heroism of the fourteen thousand men who are buried there.

Mrs. Adams: We have aided you but little, Mrs. Winans, but we felt that all you did was done rightly and well. I thank you for this remembrance. This little piece of the old stockade will always be treasured by me.

Mrs. Fuller: Nothing in my possession will be dearer to me than this piece of old Andersonville.

Mrs. Bliss: My husband was a prisoner at Andersonville, and the Michigan monument marks a spot where he often slept. I shall always treasure this piece of the old stockade.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: Mrs. Hardin, it is my pleasure to present to you this gift as a mark of respect and esteem from your friends in your own Department of Colorado and Wyoming. We appreciate the honor you brought to our Department in the election to the office of National Senior Vice-President, and we trust this remembrance will be accepted as a token of the loyalty of your co-workers.

Mrs. Carr then presented Mrs. Hardin with a bunch of roses. Concealed in the flowers was a box containing a pair of diamond earrings.

Fannie D. W. Hardin: I certainly thank you and my sisters from Colorado and Wyoming for this token of your love.

On motion of Anna I. McCoy, Ohio, seconded by a number of delegates, the flowers placed on the altar during the memorial services as a tribute to Hannah U. Maxon were sent to the City Hospital, where they were divided among veterans who, suffering from the exhaustion of the march in the grand parade, were under hospital care.

National President: I now declare Convention adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION — SEPTEMBER 22.

The Convention was called to order at nine o'clock, the National President presiding.

National President: Will the Conductors go through the audience and personally ask delegates to become quiet, so there may be no delay in our work?

National President: Margaret F. Hinman of Iowa is appointed to act as Chaplain during Convention, as our National Chaplain is detained at home by illness. We will now be led in prayer.

Margaret F. Hinman, Iowa: Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the sunlight of this day. Give us steady heads, hearts and hands, that we may the better do Thy work. Watch over the veterans of the Grand Army that no accident, sickness or sudden death may call them before they reach their homes. Be with our National President, give her health and strength to preside over us. Be with us each one and help us to so legislate that all we do may redound to Thy glory. Amen.

National President: Let us sing one verse of our Opening Ode.

The Convention sang one verse and gave the salute to the flag, after which, by direction of the National President, the National officers retired to the rear of the room and were escorted to the platform by Color Bearers, Convention rising to greet them.

National President: Members of the Convention, I have the pleasure of introducing to you your National officers. So efficient has been the service they have given that each deserves a separate tribute, but the work ahead forbids, so I will only say they have been true to their work, true to you, true to me, true to themselves. I present National Senior Vice-President, Fannie D. W. Hardin; National Junior Vice-President, Jennie L. Jones; National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan; National Treasurer, Charlotte E. Wright; National Inspector, Cora M. Davis; National Counselor, Lodusky J. Taylor; National Instituting and Installing Officer, Marie L. Basham; National Patriotic Instructor, Mary M. North; National Press Correspondent, Margaret Garey Wright; Life Member of the Executive Board, Sarah E. Fuller; Chairman of the Executive Board, Florence O. McClelland; Third Member of the Executive Board, Lilah D. Lindsey; Fourth Member of the Executive Board, Clara L. Lake.

As we give the salute to our National officers present, let us also give a thought to those who are absent, and especially to those who are detained at home by illness, Clara L. Campbell, our Chaplain, Cora M. Deputy and Alice McEwen, members of the Executive Board. Convention, salute.

The salute was given, and as the National officers were seated the

Past National Presidents present, by direction of the National President, retired to the rear and were escorted to the platform by the Colors, the musician appropriately playing "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot?"

National President: It is a very great privilege to have with us in this Convention so many of our Past National Presidents, each of whom has contributed her share in perfecting the work of the Order that we all love. We are honored in their presence today: Sarah E. Fuller, Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Emma Stark Hampton, Agnes Hitt, Harriet J. Bodge, Mary L. Carr, Lodusky J. Taylor, Sarah D. Winans, Abbie A. Adams, Carrie R. Read and Kate E. Jones.

As each was introduced she was greeted with applause.

National President: I see you love them all. One other Past National President was with us yesterday, but she is this morning ill at her hotel, Mary L. Gilman. Let us give a loving thought to her also. Convention, salute.

The salute was given, and the Past National Presidents retired.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: Mrs. President, I move that the Secretary of this Convention send a message of greeting to our Past National President, Mary L. Gilman, who is in the city, but at her room in the hotel, ill.

Florence Haynes, Department President of Massachusetts: Mrs. President, the entire Massachusetts delegation wishes to second that motion.

The motion was stated and carried unanimously.

Anna B. Tuck-Sapp, Illinois: Mrs. President, I move that a telegram of greeting be sent to Past National President Emma R. Wallace, who is detained at home by illness.

Mary B. Goodwin, Vermont: Mrs. President, I would like to second that motion and to include all Past National Presidents who are detained at home by illness.

Anna B. Tuck-Sapp: I am willing to so change my motion.

The motion was so stated as to include all Past National Presidents detained at home by illness, and was carried.

Susie H. Carver of New York: Mrs. President, I move that a telegram of greeting be sent to our National Chaplain, Clara L. Campbell, also one sent to Past National Chaplain Maria L. Mumford, both of whom are ill.

The motion was seconded by Ida Shotts Pentreath of New York, stated to the Convention and carried.

National President: Members of the Convention, after this week we may no longer have an Andersonville Prison Board, so I wish to present to you the members of that Board. All are now present and are requested to come to the platform.

The members of the Andersonville Prison Board came forward as requested.

National President: This, ladies, is the Andersonville Prison Board that has served you so faithfully, — Chairman, Sarah D. Winans; Allaseba M. Bliss; Sarah E. Fuller; Carrie R. Read and Abbie A. Adams. Convention, salute.

The salute was given and the members of the Board resumed their seats.

National President: There is another class in this Convention you will like to greet, the Past National Secretaries. Will those in the room please come to the platform?

Past National Secretaries Eleanor B. Wheeler, Armilla A. Cheney, Sarah E. Phillips, Jennie Bross, Harriette L. Reed, Ida S. McBride, Charlotte E. Wright, Fannie D. W. Hardin, Eliza Brown Daggett and Maria W. Going, ten in all, were presented from the platform and given the salute of the Order.

Past National Treasurers Armilla A. Cheney and Sarah E. Phillips were introduced and given the salute of the Order.

The Past National Senior Vice-Presidents and Junior Vice-Presidents were also introduced and given the salute. Those in attendance were Past National Senior Vice-Presidents Abbie Lynch, Pennsylvania; Jennie Myerhoff, Indiana; Belle C. Harris, Kansas; Geraldine E. Frisbie, California; Ida K. Martin, Minnesota; and Past National Junior Vice-Presidents Amelia F. Colgan, Virginia; Minnie M. Kyle, Illinois; Lida A. Oldroyd, Potomac; Clara A. Lukens, South Dakota.

National President: I wish to introduce to the Convention my Chief of Staff, Ida E. Palmer, whose work during the year and here in this city certainly is deserving of a salute.

The salute was given.

National President: Now there is another class of workers in Convention whom I will present. We will salute them in our hearts only. Will the Convention workers — the Conductors, Color Bearers, Guards, Platform Aides, Musician, Assistant Secretary and Stenographer — please come forward?

These officers were introduced to the Convention from the floor.

Clara A. Lukens, South Dakota, Lydia C. Hopkins, Michigan, and Emma K. McCammon, Ohio, volunteered, at the call of the National President, to assist the Guards.

National President: Conductor, you will ascertain if all present have the proper password.

This work having been completed, the Conductor reported all present as having given the proper password and the Convention was declared open for the transaction of business.

Clara E. Brown, Department President of New Jersey, was then

introduced to the Convention and extended to the delegates the following very cordial welcome:

My dear President, as the rightful head of our honored Woman's Relief Corps of the beautiful State of New Jersey, it becomes my pleasing duty to extend the right hand of fraternity to the National President, National officers and members of our Association, and with it the heartfelt greetings of loyalty which a Department must ever recognize and maintain towards its parent body as its lawful superior.

The pleasure becomes the more intense because of the delightful relations that have always existed between the National organization and this Department, — relations which I sincerely pray may be continued so long as a quorum of either remains, and thereafter the memory of them.

You have been with us long enough to know that this beautiful city in which we are gathered is founded upon the recreation and pleasure which modern human nature finds necessary for relief from the strenuous duties of our twentieth-century life. We brought you here that you might the better realize the necessity for this recreation, and it is our wish that during your stay with us you may one and all, between our business meetings, participate in such of them as please your several tastes.

They are all open to you for the asking. We thank you for coming among us, we want to be helpful to you in the performance of the duties that brought us all together, and when we part, as part we must, we want you to feel that your blessings, together with that peace that comes from true Fraternity and Charity, may have been earned by the good offices we may be able to do for you.

Mrs. President, you are to govern and rule over our meetings, which I pray may be as pleasant and as harmonious as are all our surroundings on this auspicious occasion. We bid you welcome.

National President: I thank you for your cordial welcome, and Abbie A. Adams, Past National President, will respond to your greetings.

Mrs. Adams, Past National President: Ladies, we have listened to these words of welcome, which but emphasize the many words of welcome extended to us since coming to Atlantic City. The relationship between the National organization and the Department of New Jersey has always been pleasant, and we trust that our coming to your city will ever bring to you pleasant memories, and that nothing but thoughts of kindness and gladness will follow this meeting. In behalf of the delegates of this Convention, I wish to thank you for the many courtesies extended us and for your very cordial welcome. May the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty abide with us all.

Harriet J. Bodge, Connecticut: Mrs. President, as Chairman of the Committee on the Address of the National President I would like unanimous consent to act upon one resolution before the Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army visit the Grand Army. It is the first recommendation, "That \$1,000 be appropriated from the General Fund and presented to the Grand Army of the Republic for its vested fund."

National President: The reason that it is desirable to act upon this resolution now is, that the Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army may carry with them the check for the \$1,000 and present it to the Encampment while there is a full attendance. Should the Committee wait to pay their visit until my report is taken up in regular order, the Grand Army would be in the midst of their election, and when they could receive our Committee in all probability many of their delegates would have left for their homes.

National Senior Vice-President: Is there any objection to the consideration of this recommendation at this time? The Chair hears no objection, and we are ready, Mrs. Bodge, to know what is the action of the Committee in regard to the recommendation.

Harriet J. Bodge: Recommendation No. 1 is approved by the Committee.

Ida Shotts Pentreath of New York: I move that the report of the Committee be sustained.

Clara A. Lukens, South Dakota: I second the motion.

Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President: I would like to go on record also as seconding this motion.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: Mrs. President, before voting upon the motion I would like to have the reports of officers passed, so we may read the recommendation and understand fully upon what we are voting.

National Senior Vice-President: We are not quite ready to distribute the reports of officers, but I will request Mrs. Bodge to again read the recommendation.

After reading the recommendation, Mrs. Bodge said: Mrs. President, I think the ladies all remember we have a precedent for this action. It was done last year, as you will remember.

The question was called for, was put to vote and carried.

National Senior Vice-President: You have adopted the report of the Committee on the first recommendation of the National President's Address.

The National President resumed the chair.

National President: I thank you for this action. If the Assistant Secretary is ready the minutes of the preliminary meeting will be read.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Florence Haynes, Department President of Massachusetts, in the name of Comrade B. F. Bickum of Haverhill, presented the National President with a bouquet comprising more than fifty varieties of wild flowers gathered from the old "Whittier Place."

National President: I thank you, Mrs. Haynes; please convey my thanks and appreciation to the comrade. Ladies, I wish you all to see this beautiful bouquet of wild flowers gathered by a comrade in Massachusetts at the old "Whittier Place."

Bound copies of the preliminary reports of officers were then distributed to the Convention by the Conductors.

National President: I especially invited the wife of our Commander-in-Chief to be present at this session, and will present her to you at this time. Conductor, you will escort to the platform Ruth Van Sant.

Conductors retired and brought to the platform Mrs. Van Sant, Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Towler and Mrs. Torrance. Their entrance was greeted with applause.

National President: Ladies, I am honored in introducing to you Ruth Van Sant, wife of our Commander-in-Chief; Mrs. George O. Eddy, wife of the Adjutant-General of the Grand Army; Mrs. Silas H. Towler, wife of the Chief of Staff; and Anna Torrance, wife of a Past Commander-in-Chief.

Observe their badges and note that they are all members of the Woman's Relief Corps. Convention, salute.

The salute was given and returned.

Lodusky J. Taylor, National Counselor: Mrs. President, I am proud to state that these ladies all are from Minnesota and are all members of the same Corps.

National President: Mrs. Van Sant, I know that the Convention will be glad to hear just a word from you.

Ruth Van Sant: Mrs. President, I thank you for the privilege you have given me of looking into the faces of this Convention. It is certainly an inspiring scene. You said "just a word." Now I have been so busy helping get my husband's speeches ready that I have not had time to prepare one for myself. [Laughter.] I always do my talking in public by proxy. During the year I have accompanied my husband on his visits to many Encampments, have thus been afforded the opportunity of visiting a number of Department Conventions, and I feel a great interest in the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, for I feel that it is the greatest charitable organization in the world.

In your quiet, systematic manner you are doing untold good, not alone in the charity you bestow, but by the speaking of kind words that lighten the burden of heavy hearts; and I feel that the lessons of

patriotism that you are now inculcating in the school children of this land will live and bear fruit long after we have passed away. You notice I say "you," rather than we, for I am not a very "busy bee," only one who by a kind word or look strives to cheer others on their way. You recall the story how Saint Jerome, after many days of travel, was weary and discouraged. One beautiful moonlight night he went out for a stroll and, hearing the sweetest strains of music, followed the sound until he came to a poor, blind beggar playing upon a harp with only two strings. And he said to himself, "If that poor blind beggar can produce such music upon a harp with only two strings, why should I become discouraged?" and so he went his way cheered and strengthened for the duty he had to perform.

So there is always something that each one of us can find to do that will cheer others upon the pathway of life. After meeting with you I feel that I, too, should like to do more, and I shall ever remember this as one of the happiest years of my life.

Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Towler each asked to be excused from making remarks.

Anna M. Torrance: Mrs. President, although presented in the capacity of a "has been," I am most happy to meet with you today. I am not a jealous woman, and the only little spot of jealousy I have in my heart is of the fondness my husband has for the Woman's Relief Corps. I have journeyed with him from Maine to the far South and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and have had opportunity to note the uniform spirit of kindness, helpfulness and charity that characterizes this Order, and above all other societies and clubs I prize most my membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

National President: We shall be very glad indeed to have you remain with us and accompany the Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army.

The ladies accepted the invitation and remained seated upon the platform until the close of the session.

Esta B. Hann, Chairman of the Women's Citizen Committee, announced that lunch would be served in the basement to all delegates, but that only two hundred and fifty could be seated at once, and asked that delegates wait patiently their turn. Tickets would be issued for only two hundred and fifty, and when these had finished, tickets would be given the other delegates.

Clara E. Brown, Department President, New Jersey: Mrs. President, the Department of New Jersey wishes to present you with a little token, which, while not as bright as the token you received yesterday, still expresses our love for you. We ask that you wear it in memory of the loyal hearts in the Department of New Jersey and may it bring to you only pleasant recollections of your stay with us. (Presenting

a gold bracelet.) We have not yet had it engraved for fear that it might not fit, but have arranged for the inscription, which can be placed upon it later.

National President: I thank you, Mrs. Brown and the members of the Department of New Jersey. I have not had a bracelet for twenty-five years and this, you see, just fits. It will be kept as a constant reminder of the many kindnesses you have showered upon me since coming to New Jersey.

Mrs. Brown: I would like the National Secretary and Treasurer to come forward, as we have a little gift for each of them. The Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, was in the room, but Charlotte E. Wright, the Treasurer, was absent on committee work.

Mrs. Brown then presented the National Secretary with a handsome silk umbrella with gold handle, saying that while the weather now was bright, yet they were anxious that during her stay in Atlantic City she should be protected from wind and storm.

Mrs. McClellan: I thank you for this gift. I left home without an umbrella and now I am supplied.

National Senior Vice-President Fannie D. W. Hardin: Mrs. President, one of your Aides in the Department of Colorado and Wyoming who regrets her inability to be present at this Convention, Lucy Davidson of Fort Collins, Colo., requested me to give you this spoon to add to your collection as a slight token of her appreciation of having been permitted to serve you this past year.

National President: Mrs. Hardin, please extend my very sincere thanks for this gift, and later I will write Mrs. Davidson a letter of acknowledgment.

Elma S. Davis, Color Bearer, here handed the President a package saying it was a little personal gift which she wished not to be opened until the President returned to her home. Mrs. Berry thanked her for the gift, which proved to be a pair of cut glass vases.

The Guard announced that delegations from the Sons of Veterans and from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary were in the anteroom.

National President: You will admit the visitors. The Color Bearers and Conductors will please retire and escort them into the room.

The pianist played "Marching Through Georgia" as the visitors were escorted into the room.

A. B. Stevens, Division Commander Sons of Veterans, Ohio, R. M. J. Reed, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Dr. Hale, Connecticut, A. E. Elliott, Secretary and Treasurer New Hampshire Division, and Miss Kate G. Raynor, Ohio, Past National President of the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary, Miss Lenore Rivers, Past Division President, Vermont, Pauline H. Creighton, National Treasurer,

Illinois, and Elizabeth McKelvey, Past Division President, Pennsylvania, were introduced to the National President by Conductors.

National President: I consider this very fine — that the Sons of Veterans have brought their Auxiliary with them. You will escort them to seats upon the platform.

The visitors were escorted to the platform, introduced to the Convention and given the salute of the Order.

A. E. B. Stevens: Mrs. President, in accordance with the established custom of years, our Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, George W. Pollitt, has appointed a committee to bring to the Woman's Relief Corps greetings and best wishes for present and future success and prosperity. We have established Headquarters at Rudolph Hotel and shall be glad to have the members of the Woman's Relief Corps call upon us there. We know your time is precious, and so we agreed that only one member of the Committee was to make a speech and have delegated that honor to R. M. J. Reed of Philadelphia, who is Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans.

R. M. J. Reed: Mrs. President, as I stand facing this magnificent audience I am reminded of the story of the Irishman who was being examined for a pension. "Where were you injured?" he was asked. "I was shot through the heart," answered Pat.

"Shot through the heart," exclaimed the examiner, "how does that come? Your application reads 'gunshot wound in the neck.'"

"Faith," answered Pat, "that is where my heart was when I was shot."

And so if I fail in the duty assigned me in making the speech for this Committee, it is because my heart is now where Pat said his was. We boys have inherited our right to wear the blue from our dads, but we have received encouragement ever since our organization from our mothers.

You first inspired us to form the association by telling us, when we were little tots, of the heroic deeds performed by the men whom we are proud to claim as our sires and as we grew to manhood, and many of us came to have children of our own, we wished in turn to hand these stories down to them. Reaching out to pass on the inspiration of a nobler and higher patriotism to all the children of this land, we found that you had already begun the movement, and so in all other lines of our work we find that you have been the pioneers. May God bless and keep you in the noble work you have undertaken. When you need assistance in any line of work we shall be glad to lend a hand. We can but acknowledge how often you have given us encouragement in our work together, to make the last days of the members of the Grand Army the happiest days of their existence.

I suspect some of you are thinking of the story of the minister

who was invited to talk to a Sunday-school class of little folks. He began by clearing his throat and saying, "Ahem, I scarcely know what to say." "Thay amen and thit down," lisped a little tot. Our fathers builded for the future when they preserved this Nation from disunion, and today we are building for the future under that flag which you have unfurled from every schoolhouse in the land, and which is the emblem of freedom and liberty forever. We shall never look so far into the future as when we look into the past for an ideal and place it high in the heavens as a fixed star for our guidance and direction, and the patriotism of our fathers is emblazoned on every star of our flag which shall shine resplendent forever.

National President: I will request Past National President Kate E. Jones to respond to the greetings from the Sons of Veterans.

Kate E. Jones, Past National President: I am proud to greet the worthy sons of an organization founded to emulate the patriotic deeds of their fathers. We are proud and gratified to know that we can trust "our boys" to keep in loving memory the heroic deeds of their fathers, knowing that they will forever guard and defend the flag which their fathers preserved without the loss of a single star. I thank you for the greetings you have brought to this Convention, and for the beautiful address that you have made. May God bless and prosper your noble work.

National President: Will the wives of the National officers of the Grand Army please pin our badge upon each of the "boys"?

While this was done the National President invited the Chairman of the Committee from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary to address the Convention.

Kate G. Raynor: Mrs. President, unlike the Irishman, we brought our hearts in at the door and have given them to you. We honor you as we honor our mothers, as loving daughters we wish to serve you; and it is from our membership that you are recruiting your younger members, many of our members being also members of the Woman's Relief Corps. We feel that we have a work to perform that we can accomplish better as a separate organization, although we are loyal to you to the heart's core. The Sons of Veterans need our assistance just as the Grand Army needs yours. We are their wives, and they need our assistance socially and financially. We have given to them for relief purposes, \$5,000; to expend for patriotic teaching, \$500; have contributed to the Memorial University Fund over \$900; and we ask your approval of our work just as a daughter wishes the approval of her mother. When you are ready to lay down your work we will take it up and carry it on along the same lines that you have planned. My earnest wish is that God may prosper you and crown all your efforts with success.

Anna I. McCoy, Ohio: Mrs. President, I would like to state to Convention that Miss Raynor is not only a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, but is at present Instituting and Installing Officer in the Department of Ohio.

National President: Mrs. Frisbie will make the response to the greetings from the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.

Geraldine E. Frisbie: The gentleman who spoke has given me the cue to "say amen and sit down." In behalf of the delegates of this Convention, I thank you for the cordial words of greeting and would say we would be proud to welcome you to our ranks, for the Woman's Relief Corps needs the young women and we are always proud to have them with us. But since you feel that the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary has a mission of its own to perform, we are glad that our organizations are able to work so harmoniously along the same lines.

National President: Recognizing in both the Sons of Veterans and their Auxiliary allies working with us for the upholding of the same great principles, I am proud to have welcomed you to our Convention, and thank you for your greetings and pledges of loyalty.

The visitors were presented with badges, escorted from the room, and the Color Bearers and Conductors returned escorting a Committee from the Army Nurses' Association. The Convention stood and waved their flags as these noble women came down the aisle. Immediately following them was a Committee from the Daughters of Veterans.

National President: We shall receive the army nurses first, and the Daughters of Veterans will be seated upon the front seats, the Conductors finding other places for the present.

The army nurses, Mrs. Ann M. B. Schram, New York, Mrs. Mary Stevens, Massachusetts, Mrs. Joanna Melton, Salt Lake City, were introduced to the President.

National President: We feel greatly honored by your visit, and welcome you to our Convention. Conductors, you will escort the army nurses to the platform, and will also bring forward the National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, and Della Weeks of Iowa.

The Conductors carried out these instructions.

May Douglas, New Hampshire, was also brought to the platform.

National President: I am honored in having the privilege of introducing to Convention so many Army Nurses: Ann M. B. Schram of New York, Mary Stevens of Massachusetts, May Douglas of New Hampshire, Joanna Melton of Utah, our own National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, and Della Weeks, Iowa, who was a nurse in the Spanish-American War. Out in Iowa some call her "Aunt Becky Young's successor." Convention, salute these Army Nurses.

The salute was given.

Mrs. Schram: Ladies of this Convention, I thank you for the wel-

come you have given us. There are a great many familiar faces here, and I am glad to meet you. I wish personally to thank you for the work that your organization has done for the army nurses and to bring you the greetings and best wishes of the Army Nurses' Association.

Joanna Melton: Mrs. President, I am proud today to be known as an army nurse, but I can remember the time when I did not like to be pointed out as an old army nurse. I even remember refusing to go to a dinner given in St. Louis to the army nurses; but all that is past, and I am proud today to be called an army nurse. I wish to thank you for the remembrance you have given the army nurses at Christmas-time and the honors you strew along our pathway.

National President: Will Past National President Mary L. Carr respond to the greetings from our Army Nurses?

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: In behalf of the delegates of this Convention I wish to thank you for this visit and the greetings you have brought us from the Army Nurses' Association. We shall ever hold in tender memory and reverence the women who volunteered as army nurses,—we can but feel that they are a little above us,—and hope that you will be spared to us many, many years and will always visit us when in session. Your presence recalls many sad, yet precious memories, and we are glad to have had this opportunity of showing you how much we honor you because of the service you rendered your country.

The delegation of Army Nurses was escorted from the room, after the badge of Convention had been presented each member.

National President: We are glad to now receive the Committee from the Daughters of Veterans.

The Committee was escorted to the platform and the National President presented to Convention, Miss Grace Brock, Massachusetts; Miss Carrie Murray, California; Miss Bertha McClellan, New Hampshire, and Mrs. Sarah Milham, Minnesota.

Miss Brock: Mrs. President and ladies, it is certainly a great privilege that has been given me to come to this Convention and look into the faces of an organization that we consider as our mother. We are the Daughters of Veterans, and we can never forget what you have done for our fathers, and today this Committee has come to present to you our heartfelt greetings, warmest sympathy in the work in which you are engaged and best wishes for your continued growth as an organization. As time passes the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic grow thinner, but each year the list of those who need your love and care grows heavier, and we are with you in this work, heart and soul. Our organizations are banded together for the same purpose, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific we are here to bid you

Godspeed in your noble work and to assure you of our hearty co-operation.

Miss Murray: Mrs. President, the Chairman of our Committee has extended our greetings, but I wish personally to express my gratification at being present here today and being presented to this Convention. For nineteen years I have been proud to wear the badge of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I trust that next year I may greet you all in my own State at Los Angeles. If you should decide to hold your Convention there I can assure you of a most royal welcome.

National President: Past National President Agnes Hitt will respond to the greetings from the Daughters of Veterans.

Agnes Hitt: It is fitting that I should respond to your greetings, for my father was a soldier. I know that I voice the sentiment of this Convention when I say we are glad to receive your greetings "from Massachusetts to California." We are glad to know that so many of you are taking up the work which in time we must lay aside, for we are many of us now gray-haired women and soon we must leave our work in your hands. See to it that you are ready to take it up where we leave off and that it never dies.

The delegation was presented with badges and escorted from the room.

Charlotte E. Wright having returned to the Convention hall, some one told her she was wanted at the platform, and she very innocently went up and asked, "Am I wanted?"

Clara E. Brown, Department President, New Jersey: Yes, Mrs. Wright, New Jersey wants to feel sure that you are protected from wind and storm, and so I am commissioned to present you with this little gift, which I trust you may find useful after you leave Atlantic City, but trust you will have no occasion to use while here.

(Presenting Mrs. Wright with a handsome silk umbrella similar to the one earlier presented the National Secretary.)

Charlotte E. Wright, National Treasurer: I certainly am surprised, but I accept the gift coming from New Jersey as a token of your friendship, which I prize greatly. My correspondence during my term of office with your Department has been a pleasure.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: Mrs. President, I move that immediately after lunch we begin the roll-call and that election of officers be made the special order of business.

Agnes Hitt, Indiana: Mrs. President, I would amend the motion by fixing the election of officers for three o'clock.

Mrs. Ball: I insist upon my motion. Let us get at something and do it quick.

Mrs. Hitt: The reason I offered my amendment is that the Committee to bear our greetings to the Grand Army are to call upon the

Grand Army immediately after lunch. I am willing to have the roll-call, but not the election of officers, while the Committee is absent on Convention work. If the motion is amended so that the election of officers shall begin immediately upon the return of the Committee, I will second it.

Mrs. Ball: Very well, I agree to the amendment.

The motion was then stated and carried.

Clara A. Lukens, South Dakota: I move that when we adjourn we adjourn until two o'clock. Motion was seconded by Sarah E. Fulton, New York, and carried.

National President: Ladies! we have not adjourned. You will please come to order immediately, and listen to some important announcements by the Chief of Staff.

Ida E. Palmer, Chief of Staff: The Luncheon Committee are anxious to have all the National officers seated at one table. They will go down to lunch first. Then those to whom I have given tickets will go down, and as soon as there are places I will give out tickets to the other delegates. The President of each Department will please find out just how many delegates she has in Convention and go to the anteroom, where she will be given the souvenir badges provided by the Citizens' Committee.

The beautiful copper-bronze badges were then distributed. Upon the bar pin of each was seen the face of one of New Jersey's heroes, Gen. Phil Kearney. The pendant, suspended by yellow ribbon, was in form a seashell, a view of Atlantic City inside, the famous lighthouse prominent.

National President: The Chair is ready to entertain a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Eliza Brown Daggett, New York, seconded by Maria W. Going, Massachusetts, that Convention adjourn. Motion carried.

National President: We stand adjourned until two o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION—SEPTEMBER 22.

The Convention was called to order at two o'clock and fifteen minutes.

National President: The delegates will come to order and all business will be suspended until they do. . . . Comrades from the Encampment of the Grand Army are in waiting in the anteroom, and the Committee on Reception of Visitors will retire and escort them into Convention.

To the melody of "The Girl I left behind Me" the official delegation from the Grand Army was escorted in, in due form.

The Committee presented Comrades Silas H. Towler, Chief of Staff; Frank O. Cole, Past Adjutant-General; Enos Hann, of the local Entertainment Committee, and Comrade Rose.

Comrade Thomas H. Hagerty, accompanying the delegation, was also presented.

National President: It gives me very great pleasure to welcome this delegation to our Convention. You will escort them to the platform.

Chief of Staff Towler: In my capacity as Chief of Staff I command the Convention to be seated.

National President: Not until we have given the comrades our salute.

The Convention saluted and was seated.

Chief of Staff Towler: I esteem it an honor and the very highest privilege that has come to me as Chief of Staff of the Grand Army to be delegated to bring you the greetings of my comrades, now assembled in their Forty-fourth Annual Encampment; but before proceeding I have a very pleasant duty to perform. Throughout the year your National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, has been of the greatest assistance to me, and I have come to invest her with the badge of authority as Special Aide to the Chief of Staff.

Mrs. President, now that I have pinned upon your breast this emblem of your authority, there is another member in this Convention whom I desire you to summon, that I may also clothe her with authority,—Georgia Wade McClellan, Junior.

The speaker then pinned a badge upon the breast of Georgia McClellan.

Chief of Staff Towler: Now that I have commissioned you also as one of my Aides, I command you to escort to the platform Ruth R. Van Sant, the wife of our beloved Commander-in-Chief.

Mrs. Van Sant was brought to the platform as requested.

Chief of Staff Towler: Mrs. Van Sant, you know I was charged with duties by your husband, and I have endeavored to discharge

those duties to the best of my ability. With me, a number of the members of your husband's official family have received many courtesies from you, and I am delegated by them to present you with this little token of our esteem, that when you wear it it may serve to remind you of the many pleasant associations of the past year. This pin is fashioned in the shape of a sword, because we believe that the sword is mightier than the pen. Encircling it is a streamer of red, white and blue, the sign of devotion, purity and love; the streamer is composed of rubies, diamonds and sapphires, because only precious stones will express the genuine regard we have for you. Surmounting all is the flag,—

“Your flag and my flag —
And, oh, how much it holds!
Your land and my land
Secure within its folds!
Your heart and my heart
Beat quicker at its sight,
Sun-kissed and wind-tost,
The red, the blue, the white.
The one flag — the true flag —
The flag for me and you,
It glorifies all else beside,
The red, the white, the blue.”

And now having constituted Miss Georgia Wade McClellan an Aide upon my staff, I am going to ask her to pin upon your breast this token of esteem from your husband's official family.

Mrs. Van Sant: This present, coming from the comrades of the Commander-in-Chief, will be greatly prized by me. Poverty of words will not permit me to say what I feel. I am not vain enough to think it was given for any personal merit, but because of the esteem in which you hold my husband; and I shall cherish it all the more because of your friendship for him. You have ever been true to him, and the loyalty of friends will be the most precious memory of the year's work. Please convey to your comrades my thanks and good wishes for their happiness and long life. Tell them I shall think of them and their friendship every time I gaze upon this beautiful flag.

Comrade Cole: Mrs. President, when I read the date of this Encampment I was reminded of a strange coincidence in dates. Tomorrow will be the birthday of my wife, the day after is my own birthday. You see all my life I have been trying to catch up with her and she is still a day ahead; and as I look over this Convention I am forcibly reminded of the fact that woman is still ahead, and it looks as though she meant to keep ahead; so perhaps the best thing for

me to do is to quietly get out of the way and give my wife a chance to look for a better man.

I bring you the greetings of the Grand Army. We cannot realize what we would be without you, our faithful auxiliary. Your golden shower has tided us over many a difficulty, and whenever a Post is losing interest and becoming so discouraged that they think of disbanding, if we can organize a Corps for them your camp-fires soon rekindle their enthusiasm. My earnest and profound hope is that when the time comes to lay the last comrade of the Grand Army away in the cold ground that the Woman's Relief Corps will be there to drop a tear upon his bier and place a flag over the mound.

Comrade Rose: Mrs. President, I feel that I am indeed fortunate in being placed upon this Committee and being thus permitted to visit this Convention. It is the most handsome Convention I ever saw. No other country in the world can witness such an assembly of women as this, and as I stand here today I am reminded of what America owes to woman. I recall the sacrifices of those women who came across the sea to settle in a wilderness in order to have freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. I think of the women of the Revolution who encouraged their husbands to fight for liberty. I do not forget that it was a woman who fashioned that glorious flag, selecting for it the hues of the heavens, — the red, painted by the sunsets; white, the pale moonlight; and the stars, taken from the firmament on high.

Then when the perpetuity of this nation, founded upon the sacrifices of women, was endangered, what an army of you there was to encourage us and strengthen us in our efforts to preserve the Union! I am not unmindful of the fact that the flag of liberty would have gone down, I am not unmindful of the fact that the Union must have fallen to pieces, had it not been for the courage of the mothers and wives of the loyal North who sustained us throughout the conflict. It was woman's hand and woman's prayers that lifted the burden from the hearts of the men who were fighting the battles of the Union; and since the war we appreciate the fact that but for your efforts in supplementing the work of the Grand Army of the Republic the very life would be taken out of the organization. One object of our Order is charity, and we practically turned over that branch of the business to the Woman's Relief Corps. We have seen you wipe away the tear from the cheek of the orphan and bring smiles to the face of the widow, and we are here today to say, God bless you, uphold your hands and make you strong.

Comrade Hann: Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: It is with the greatest pleasure that I greet you today. Years ago in the Department of New Jersey I was one of those who

helped sow the seed from which sprang up the Woman's Relief Corps, and I have been interested in your organization from the beginning. Today we are reaping the benefits of our sowing. There are no less than fifty Posts today in the Department of New Jersey that would have disbanded had it not been for the Woman's Relief Corps. There is only one organization of women to whom the boys of the Grand Army owe more than to the Woman's Relief Corps, and that is to the Army Nurses' Association. It was the gentle touch of those women that brought back to the pale lips of the wounded the blood of life, and I am proud of the fact that today both the Woman's Relief Corps and the Army Nurses are holding their annual Convention in this city. I will say that if there is anything that either of you should want, just let my wife know and she will make the Citizens' Committee get it for you. And when you go home, if you can't say anything good about Atlantic City, for heaven's sake don't say anything bad about us.

National President: I thank you for your visit and for the greetings from the Grand Army and your words of commendation. It is the aim of the Woman's Relief Corps to supplement the work of the Grand Army as an auxiliary should, and we are glad that our efforts have met with your approval.

Convention stood and sang "Tenting Tonight" as the official delegation, followed by a storm of applause, was escorted from the room, Comrade Hagerty remaining.

Past National President Carrie R. Read: Mrs. President, I take great pleasure in introducing to you a comrade who has walked with me in our work for twenty-five years, Comrade Hagerty, for twenty-five years Chaplain of Ransom Post, St. Louis. He has a little token to bestow upon you.

Rev. Thomas H. Hagerty: Mrs. President, I don't know whether the moon is permitted to shine when the sun is gone or not, but I wish to present you a little gavel that I made myself out of two pieces of historic wood. The head of the gavel is made from a piece of the tree grown on the spot where General Lyon fell leading his troops in southwestern Missouri. In the end of it is a circle of wood made from the tree under which Grant stood when he received his commission. The ladies out in Missouri have got in a way of expecting me to keep them supplied with gavels, and while you may already be supplied, I wish you to keep this as a little souvenir of the part Missouri took in the great Civil War.

National President: Comrade Hagerty, I shall greatly prize this gavel because made from wood of historic associations, and also as an expression of good will from you and the State you represent. I thank you.

The Convention stood as Comrade Hagerty was escorted from the room to the music of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

National President: The comrades of the Grand Army were in the anteroom when we called to order and I did not wish to detain them there. We will now be led in prayer by Margaret Hinman of Iowa, before proceeding with the business of Convention.

Margaret Hinman came forward and invoked the Divine blessing.

National President: The Conductors will take the password, and, Guard, you will allow no one to enter the room without the password. Each delegate is requested to stay in the delegation to which she belongs and the Guard will allow none to leave the room.

Conductors reported all present as having the proper password.

National President: The Assistant Secretary will read the minutes of the morning session.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved as corrected.

National President: The Assistant Secretary will come to the platform and we will proceed with roll-call of Convention.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: Mrs. President, I would suggest that the President of each Department answer to the names of all ^{her} delegates present as the roll is called, and should any come into the room after she has responded to roll-call, that she present the name of such in writing at the Secretary's desk, so that an accurate account may be kept with as little delay as possible.

The roll was called by the Assistant Secretary, Maria W. Going, the responses for each delegation being made by Department President of the same.

A large bouquet of rare flowers was quietly handed up to the platform.

National President: Ladies, this beautiful bouquet is from the Women's Citizens' Committee—the Committee that has been so very thoughtful for our comfort and pleasure ever since our arrival in Atlantic City.

Ellen S. Myers, President, and Margaret A. Walker, Secretary, of Lincoln Corps No. 6, Potomac, came forward.

Ellen S. Myers: Mrs. President, in behalf of Lincoln Corps, Department of Potomac, I present this testimonial representing the love and esteem in which you are held by every member of Lincoln Corps, for the fairness, consideration and justice you have rendered us. May your years be many and happiness attend you throughout life. Accept this little gift in the spirit of our motto, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Isabel Worrell Ball: Mrs. President, I am proud to say that Lincoln Corps is my own Corps, and that I was present and voted for the resolution to present you a token of our love and loyalty.

National President: This is only one of many beautiful courtesies that have come to me this year from Lincoln Corps. I thank you for the gift and more for the friendship which prompted it.

The gift of Lincoln Corps to the National President was a handsome silver fruit dish, suitably engraved.

The Guard announced a visitor in waiting.

Emma K. McCammon, Ohio: Mrs. President, I move that the Guard be instructed to kindly tell all visitors that we are in the midst of the election of officers and cannot admit them at this time, and to invite them to call again.

Hollen E. Day, Missouri: I second the motion, Mrs. President.

The motion was stated.

Agnes Hitt, Past National President: Mrs. President, before the delegates vote upon this question, I would like to state to them that the visitor seeking admission to Convention is Captain Wallace Foster, the "Sponsor of the American Flag." He does not wish to interrupt our business, only wishes the privilege of looking into your faces. He cannot hear a word that is being said, and surely we would not deny him the pleasure of looking into the faces of this Convention.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: We owe our flag work to Captain Foster, and I surely feel that the Woman's Relief Corps owes it to themselves as well as to Captain Foster to admit him. We are now wasting more time discussing this matter than it would have taken if he had been admitted at first.

Loretta J. Gorsuch, Indiana: As Captain Foster only wishes the pleasure of looking into the faces of this Convention, and as we all very well know that he cannot hear a word that is said, I see no reason why he could not be seated upon the platform and the Convention proceed with the business before it.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: Our Rules and Regulations are explicit that none shall be admitted without the password, and the password has been taken from every delegate present. It is beyond our power to make any exception in favor of any one, to witness the proceedings of a business session.

Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President: Mrs. President, I would offer a substitute motion to the one now before the house, that Captain Foster be admitted at once.

Marie L. Basham, National Instituting and Installing Officer: Mrs. President, I second the substitute motion with this amendment, that Captain Foster be admitted, introduced to the Convention, given the salute of the Order and then immediately escorted from the room.

Jennie L. Jones: I accept the amendment.

National President: The substitute motion is that we admit Captain Foster, introduce him, give him the salute of the Convention, and

that he be immediately escorted from the room. Shall this be substituted for the motion before the house?

The question was put and carried, after which the substituted motion was stated, voted upon and carried.

Convention stood and sang "The Star Spangled Banner" as Captain Foster was being escorted into the room.

Agnes Hitt: Mrs. President, I have the honor of presenting to you Captain Wallace Foster, Sponsor of the American Flag.

National President: You will escort Comrade Foster to the platform. Ladies of the Convention, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Captain Wallace Foster, whom we have named the "Sponsor of the American Flag." Convention, salute.

The salute was given, and Captain Foster handed to the National President his greetings in manuscript form.

He was escorted from the room, the delegates standing and waving their salute flags in his honor.

Lizzie Smith, Oregon: I move, Mrs. President, that Captain Foster's greetings be inserted in the Journal at this place, without being read to the Convention.

Motion seconded by Mary M. North, National Patriotic Instructor. Carried.

GREETINGS PRESENTED BY CAPTAIN WALLACE FOSTER

Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention: While I am sincerely pleased to meet and greet you again in National Convention, I will not take up your valuable time in telling you how much I love you and of the continued appreciation I have for the increased benefits you have accomplished for humanity, charity, patriotism and the betterment of the veterans of the Civil War.

Twenty-one years I have given my best allegiance to increase the standard of citizenship among the youth of our beloved country. Seventeen of these years I have loyally coöperated with you. I now realize more than ever that any eloquence or praise that I could bestow upon you would be inadequate in expressing my appreciation for all you have accomplished in these seventeen years, for you now stand eminently in all good work, and it will be recorded in the past and future history of our country as the greatest patriotic achievement of any organization that ever existed.

It was one of our loyal, young United States senators who said, "We would not have any nation today if it were not for the Civil War veteran." I contend, neither would we have so much love and reverence for our country and flag that exist today, if it were not for the patriotic work of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Civil War veterans.

In my extended correspondence with co-workers of your organization, I find a great struggle in several of your Departments to maintain the dignity of the flag and the history of the Civil War, caused by disloyal Southerners who have taken up permanent residence in several loyal States of the Union.

Oklahoma seems to have been overrun with this class of undesirable citizens, who have entered the schools and refuse to allow patriotic organizations to display the Stars and Stripes in or over the school, or to introduce patriotic instructions in the schools where they are teaching.

I have great love for the splendid patriotism of the Oklahoma loyal women, for their persistence in entering these schools and overcoming this disloyalty and winning a glorious victory. I believe the Department of Oklahoma Woman's Relief Corps will bear me out when I say they have fought a good fight and should not only deserve great credit for the glorious work they have accomplished under the disloyal fire of rebels, but should have the love and assistance of the National body.

Missouri is another afflicted Department and is meeting the enemy with the courage of veterans. They, too, have noble souls who stand eminently above their enemies, are compeers with their Oklahoma sisters and should have your love and earnest coöperation and sympathy.

I could give you many more instances of disloyalty that your loyal sisters have to contend with north of Mason and Dixon's line, but suffice to say this disloyal element and teaching should be crushed out.

Captain Foster's greetings were accompanied by an instructive paper relating to flags, flag poles and appurtenances, which is published in full on pages 252 to 255.

The Guard announced a comrade of the Grand Army at the door with the message that John E. Gilman of Massachusetts had been elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army by an overwhelming majority. The announcement was greeted with applause, and it was moved by Florence Haynes of Massachusetts, seconded by Minnie M. Kyle of Illinois, that greetings be sent from Convention to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief. The motion was unanimously carried, and the National President appointed the Massachusetts delegation to be the bearer of the greetings.

Isabel Worrell Ball: Mrs. President, as the Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army have not yet returned, if you desire I will at this time read the report of the Committee appointed to procure legislation to prevent the desecration of the American flag.

National President: We shall be glad to listen to Mrs. Ball's report at this time.

Mrs. Ball began the reading of her report, the Convention listening with deep interest. (See page 240.)

The Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army having returned, the reading of the report was suspended while they gave an account of their visit.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne: Mrs. President, when your Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army reached their place of meeting, we found them in the midst of their election and were compelled to sit outside until they could receive us, hence the delay in our return. When we were ushered into their Encampment we met with a won-



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derful ovation. We presented the report and the check for one thousand dollars, and I wish every delegate here might have witnessed the enthusiasm with which they were received by that magnificent body of men. The Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief responded to our greetings, and he was the one who did most of the talking. Mrs. Taylor, when presented, only made a bow. We realized the value of their time and were as brief as possible. As we left the Encampment, cheer upon cheer rang out from that great audience, composed of the finest men of this Nation, our Grand Army of the Republic.

Lodusky J. Taylor: Mrs. President, I wish to thank you for having given me the privilege of visiting the Encampment and looking into the faces of that magnificent assembly. We were proud of the soldier boys in '61, we have every reason now to be proud of our Grand Army of the Republic.

Committee's report accepted on motion of Florence O. McClelland of Illinois, seconded by Abbie A. Adams of Nebraska.

National President: Is the Credential Committee ready with their report? If so we will proceed to the special order of business.

The Credential Committee requested more time.

National President: While waiting for the Credential Committee to complete its report we will have the report of the Auditing Committee.

This report was presented by the Chairman, Florence O. McClelland of Illinois.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. President and Members of Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.: The Auditing Committee have examined and compared the Treasurer's and Secretary's books, receipts and vouchers, and find to the best of our knowledge and belief they are correct. We wish to concur with our predecessors in all they have affirmed as to the ability of our Treasurer. She has served us faithfully for five years, and practice makes one perfect.

We find the following balances in the several funds, June 30, 1910:

General Fund	\$10,761.85
Headquarters Relief Fund	295.14
Emergency Fund	4,190.03
Andersonville Permanent Fund	6,011.96
Southern Memorial Fund	13.50
Total	<u>\$21,272.48</u>

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

FLORENCE O. MCCLELLAND, Illinois, *Chairman*,
 CLARA L. LAKE, Rhode Island,
 LILAH D. LINDSEY, Oklahoma,
 MARY I. HAYES, Connecticut,

Committee.

National President: You have heard the report of the Auditing Committee. What is your pleasure?

The report was adopted as read on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball of Potomac, seconded by Mary A. Gardner of Washington and Alaska.

By request of several, the reading of the report of Committee on Prevention of Desecration of the Flag was resumed. Convention having shown its pleasure by applause, Isabel Worrell Ball, Chairman, said: "I thank the ladies for their kindness. More than once delegates in National Convention have given evidence of their interest in what I have to say."

Reading was interrupted by entrance of the Credential Committee, who then made their report.

Eliza Brown Daggett, Chairman, reported 469 credential cards presented and that number of delegates entitled to seats in Convention. Roll-call showed 432 delegates seated in Convention with 8 additions later reported to Secretary.

National President: The Chair appoints as tellers:

Minnie M. Kyle	Illinois
Mary E. Dow	Potomac
Kathryn Ealden	Kansas
Jennie Myerhoff.	Indiana
Dora L. Brush	Ohio

[National President: Nominations are in order for National President.

Ida Wilson Moore, Kansas: Mrs. President and Ladies of the Convention, as I present the name of Belle C. Harris of Kansas for the office of National President, the words of the first piece I learned to play and sing come to my mind, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

We tried at Boston, tried at Denver, tried at Toledo, tried at Salt Lake, and now we try again.

Eighteen years ago in the beautiful Capital of our Country we presented the name of Margaret Ray Wickins for the office of National President. You elected her and proudly we bore the honor home. But, alas, you know the saying, "Pride goeth before a fall," and in a very few short months after her election, Illinois, fair Illinois, beckoned so alluringly to her that she answered the call, left us, moved to that State and has been a resident there ever since.

In the 26 years of the organization and existence of the Department of Kansas, Mrs. Wickins is the only National President we have

had, and we now feel that the great "Soldier" State of Kansas, with its more than seven thousand loyal Corps members, is justly entitled to this honor.

We do not ask you to vote for Mrs. Harris because she is the wife of a soldier and the sister of two others, but because we believe that her twenty-five years of earnest, active Corps work, and the fact that she has been unanimously indorsed several times by our Department Conventions, and by the Department Encampments of our Grand Army, prove that she is worth and merits the honor.

We do not say that Mrs. Harris will be the best President you have ever had, but we promise you that, if elected, she will endeavor to follow in the footsteps of her illustrious predecessors and will devote her time, her wonderful energy and fine executive abilities in advancing the interests of the Woman's Relief Corps.

We hope that the sunflower that budded in Boston, unfolded its petals at Denver, and expanded them a little further in Toledo and Salt Lake will burst into full bloom in this Convention.

And with full confidence in this happy result, I formally present the name of Belle C. Harris of Kansas for the office of National President.

Clara E. Brown, Department President of New Jersey: Mrs. President, in behalf of the Department of New Jersey, whose delegates are now standing, I wish to second the nomination of Belle C. Harris for National President.

National President: There are so many on the floor waiting to second this nomination that I must ask you all to be patient and wait your turn. You will all be recognized in the order in which you are seated. Just please remain standing until the Chair recognizes you.

The nomination of Mrs. Harris was further supported by the following: Past National Presidents Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Emma Stark Hampton, Kate E. Jones, Mary L. Carr, Harriet J. Bodge, Carrie R. Read; Lizzie E. Durham for the Texas delegation; Anna B. Roberts of Maryland; Mary F. De Graw of Florida; Josephine B. Lewis of Louisiana; Elnora D. Washington of Mississippi; Elsie M. Powell for North Dakota delegates then standing; Annie L. Pender of Rhode Island; Lois Irene Earl for Connecticut delegation; B. Shelley Hawk for California delegation; Armilla A. Cheney of Illinois; Ellen V. Brooks of Utah; Sarah M. Wilkins for Oklahoma delegation; Laura W. Willow, Alfaretta M. DeVine, of Pennsylvania; Ada C. Ely for Maine delegation; Isabel Worrell Ball of Potomac; Helen A. Sills for members Colorado and Wyoming delegation then standing; Josephine H. Dunning, Washington and Alaska; Sarah E. Staplin, for

Kansas delegation; Adda H. Hall for Michigan delegation; Sara L. Brown of Michigan; Gertrude P. Davis of Nebraska; Abbie A. Adams, Past National President; Clara A. Lukens of South Dakota; Nora B. Atkinson and Julia Mason Layton of Potomac; Amelia F. Colgan of Virginia; Regina Demarest for New York delegates then standing; Luella W. Powell of New York; Sophia N. Strathearn for Wisconsin delegation; Caroline H. Bell, Belle W. Bliss, Emma E. Grinnell, Julietta Morris and Florence Spencer of Wisconsin; E. Pansy Colgan of Virginia; Mary M. Stark for Missouri delegation; Eunice Snedeker of Missouri; Florence Haynes for Massachusetts delegation; Anna B. Tuck-Sapp for Illinois delegates then standing; Lodusky J. Taylor, National Counselor; Mary H. Dodge for Kentucky delegation; Florence H. Gates for Vermont delegation; Katherine H. Moore of Montana; Lucie S. Lewis of Minnesota; Fannie E. Worden, Lida J. Hart, Lida A. Oldroyd of Potomac.

Lizzie Smith, Department President of Oregon: Mrs. President and ladies of the Convention, Oregon presents a candidate today who has given us a splendid administration as Department President, and who has filled the office of National Inspector this year with credit to her Department and with honor to the Order. Her record of active work covers a great many years. Now, do you not feel that you should be just and fair and let us bring the National Headquarters to the Pacific coast? We need this for the encouragement it will be to us, and we present a candidate who is fully capable and worthy of this high honor.

We have a voting delegation of twenty-seven members in this body, but as you know we all cannot afford to take these long, expensive trips to the National Conventions. You have honored many other Departments, but never ours. We do not ask you to be generous, we only ask you to be just, and in the name of my Department and on behalf of our Grand Army of Oregon, who are anxiously awaiting the time for this honor to be brought to them, I bring to you our unanimous choice and place the name of Cora M. Davis before you for your friendly consideration.

Margaret F. Hinman of Iowa: In behalf of the entire Iowa delegation, I second the nomination of Cora M. Davis for National President. Last year Mrs. Davis withdrew for Iowa, and Iowa never forgets.

Mary E. Dow, Department of Potomac: Mrs. President, I second the nomination of Cora M. Davis, because I believe if any honor is given to reward twenty-five years of faithful service, Oregon has earned it. Year after year she has sent her delegates to National Convention and received no ranking office. In their Department they

have done splendid work, and since it has become the rule to reward other Departments for faithful service it is only fair to give the honor to Oregon, especially when she presents a woman so well fitted for the office as Cora M. Davis.

The nomination of Cora M. Davis was also seconded by Matilda R. Sprague, Ida L. Chase, Edith S. Emerson and Annie Quinn, all of Potomac.

Lulu F. Huffman, Department President of Ohio: Mrs. President and members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, Ohio brings to you a candidate for the highest honor our beloved Order can bestow upon a member. She is not a stranger to you or to the work. For more than twenty-three years she has been an active, energetic member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and for the past eleven years has not missed a National Convention. She has served in National as Chairman of the Executive Board and as Patriotic Instructor. She has most faithfully filled the Department offices of President, Treasurer, Counselor and Chief of Staff — a woman of rare executive ability and sterling worth, who, if elected to this high office, will conscientiously discharge all its duties. She is the widow of a Civil War veteran, her husband being one of the four hundred who tunneled his way to freedom from the horrors of Libby Prison. I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you the name of Lois M. Knauff of Cleveland, Ohio's candidate for National President.

Mrs. Knauff's nomination was sustained by Charlotte Davidson for the Ohio delegation; Annie Ford Johnson for the Tennessee delegation; Anna F. Kirk of Ohio; Minnie M. Kyle of Illinois.

Agnes Hitt, Past National President: Mrs. President and members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, it is with great pleasure and pride that I come before you presenting the name of Indiana's candidate for the honor of the highest office within your gift. Our candidate is not unknown to you, as only four absent marks stand against her name at National Conventions since she became a member of that body, twenty years ago. Indiana stands high in the halls of fame because of her great men, among whom are the names of Harrison, Hendricks, Fairbanks, Wallace, Beveridge, Riley, Ade and the great war governor, Oliver P. Morton. One and all ascribe to woman, as mother or wife, the glory and honor of their achievements. Our candidate is thrice blessed because as the daughter of a soldier who was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, as the wife of a soldier who is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and as the mother of one son given to her country's service in the Spanish-American War, she gave much and endured much.

She stood shoulder to shoulder in every weary march; kept vigil by every bivouac; paced the sentries' beat; aye, and endured the shot and shell of battle. Women lived, in those old days of duty and glory! So I bring to you the name of this woman who is a part of a Commonwealth that during the Civil War gave more than a quarter of a million men to save the Union. I present the name of Ida S. McBride as a candidate for the office of National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and in doing so I offer the name of one who has given of her time and strength as Corps President, Department President and National Secretary to advance the interest of the Order, and by this experience comes well equipped for the great office that the Department of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps, and Department of the Grand Army as well, are asking you to bestow upon her.

Dr. Alta M. Boram, Department President of Indiana: In behalf of the entire delegation from Indiana, I second the nomination of Ida S. McBride.

The nomination of Mrs. McBride was also seconded by Elizabeth C. Montis and Annie W. Johnson of the Department of Potomac.

Candidates were then presented from the platform.

National President: Ladies, here is the cream of this Convention, from which you may choose your National President: Ida S. McBride of Indiana, Cora M. Davis of Oregon, Belle C. Harris of Kansas, and Lois M. Knauff of Ohio.

Moved by Florence Haynes of Massachusetts, seconded by Jennie S. Wiscombe of Washington and Alaska, and by Sarah E. Phillips of New York, that when the result of the ballot is announced there be no applause; and that when there are more candidates than one there be no applause when they are presented from the platform. Carried.

An inquiry was made as to whether printed ballots could be used.

National President: Our Rules and Regulations decide that question, and the National Counselor will read the paragraph relative to this matter from Rules and Regulations.

National Counselor: Rules and Regulations, Chapter IV, Article V, Section 1, state that either written or printed ballot may be used.

National President: You will please prepare your ballots as quickly as possible. Conductors, you may collect the same. Have all balloted? I now declare the ballot closed. The tellers will receive the ballots. What is the will of the Convention, do you wish the tellers to remain in the room to count the ballots?

Lena T. Ring, Iowa: Mrs. President, I move that the tellers be allowed to retire to count the ballots. Motion was seconded by Sarah C. White of Indiana, and carried.

National President: Tellers, you may retire to count the ballots.

National President: Mrs. Ball, will you please come forward and continue reading your report?

Mrs. Ball finished the reading of her report, which is inserted on page 240, at the conclusion of which she received applause, both for the report and for the manner in which she had several times yielded the floor while presenting it to the Convention.

Clara E. Brown, New Jersey: Mrs. President, I desire to call attention to the reception to be held by the Department of New Jersey tonight in the Red Parlor of Young's Hotel, in honor of the National President. All National and Past National officers are invited to stand in the receiving line, and every delegate is cordially invited to attend the reception.

Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President: Ladies, please do not forget the reception given tonight by the Army Nurses. When you call on the National officers at Young's Hotel, just cross over to Young's Ocean Pier and call on the Army Nurses.

National President: Jean McNaughton Stevens of North Dakota has asked for the floor for "two minutes," and has something to say in which I am sure we are all interested.

Mrs. Stevens then stated to the Convention that many soldiers from the eastern and middle States emigrated to North Dakota, and, owing to the severe winters which set in before they had their houses built, that they sometimes suffered greatly, and that she was hunting out all such soldiers and seeing that they were cared for. She requested the names of every soldier, soldier's wife or daughter who had moved from other States to North Dakota within the last five years be given her that Corps might look them up and see that they were not in need; and said that if they did not need financial assistance she knew they were homesick enough to need the friendship that the Corps of North Dakota were willing to extend. Mrs. Stevens' talk was heard with interest and with an evident desire to coöperate with her as requested. Applause followed.

Ida S. McBride: Mrs. President, I am ready with the report of the Committee on National Secretary's Report.

National President: We will listen to the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.: The Committee appointed on National Secretary's Report have given it careful consideration, and find the work has been done creditably and in an acceptable manner. We commend her work and ask that special attention be given the sections of her report emphasizing the necessity of Department officers making themselves

familiar with instructions in fine print on report blanks, as well as all information found in Rules and Regulations.

We heartily recommend the adoption of the report of the National Secretary.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

IDA S. McBRIDE, Indiana, *Chairman*,
ABBIE A. ADAMS, Nebraska,
ARMILLA A. CHENEY, Illinois,
SUE BROWNING, Iowa,
BELLE W. BLISS, Wisconsin,

Committee.

The report of the Committee on National Secretary's Report was adopted on motion of Lilah D. Lindsey, Oklahoma, seconded by Lizzie E. Durham, Texas.

Mary M. North: Mrs. President, your Committee on Press Correspondent's Report is ready.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT'S
REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.: The report of the National Press Correspondent shows that she has conscientiously fulfilled the trust placed in her keeping at last Convention. We left the recommendations with the Committee on Revision.

The report, with that exception, is approved by your Committee.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MARY M. NORTH, Maryland, *Chairman*,
LIZZIE BELLE CROSS, California,
ANNA PATTERSON, Illinois,
MARY M. STARK, Missouri,
JOSEPHINE H. DUNNING, Washington and Alaska,

Committee.

The report of the Committee on National Press Correspondent's Report was adopted on motion of Geraldine E. Frisbie of California, seconded by Sarah C. White of Indiana.

Belle C. Harris of Kansas: Mrs. President, the report of the Committee on National Junior Vice-President's Report is ready.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S
REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: We, your Committee to whom was referred the report of the National Junior Vice-President, desire to submit the following: Her efforts to ascertain the names of supposed-to-be soldiers, who are buried in the Wasatch Mountains, near Salt Lake City, Utah, are to be commended.

It was also an honor to be selected by the National President to organize and install the new Department of Utah to which we, as a Committee, extend a cordial welcome and wish for this Department the utmost success in its work for the upbuilding of the Woman's Relief Corps in its patriotic teaching.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

BELLE C. HARRIS, Kansas, *Chairman*,
FLORENCE O. McCLELAND, Illinois,
CARRIE R. READ, Missouri,
ADA G. MOHR, New York,
GERTRUDE P. DAVIS, Nebraska,

Committee.

The report of the Committee on National Junior Vice-President's Report was adopted on motion of Laura W. Willow of Pennsylvania, sustained by Mary F. DeGraw of Florida.

Nettie McGowan, Illinois: *Mrs. President*, I wish to state that your Committee appointed to convey the greetings of this Convention to the Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary and Daughters of Veterans have performed their mission. The Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary expressed themselves as gratified over our greetings, and commissioned us to bear to you their best wishes. We found the Daughters of Veterans in session. They appeared to be having a very harmonious Convention, and sent their greetings to our Convention.

On motion of Amelia F. Colgan of Virginia, seconded by Ida M. Trenary, Illinois, the report of the Committee was adopted.

Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President: The Committee appointed to visit the Sons of Veterans is ready to report, but I request that you allow the other member of the Committee to make the report.

Ida Shotts Pentreath of New York: *Mrs. President*, the National Junior Vice-President and I called to bear the greetings of this Convention to the Sons of Veterans, but found them not in session, so we

called at their Headquarters at the hotel and they expressed themselves much gratified over our visit, and especially upon the fact that you had sent your greetings by one of the National officers. They said that every year the Sons of Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps work became more and more united, and they were proud of the fact that we are both working so harmoniously along the same lines.

The report of the Committee was accepted on motion of Kate L. Gledhill, New York, seconded by Ada G. Mohr, New York.

Minnie M. Kyle, Chairman of Tellers, presented the following

REPORT OF THE BALLOT FOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Total number of votes cast	438
Necessary for a choice	220
Ida S. McBride received	29
Lois M. Knauff received	32
Cora M. Davis received	38
Belle C. Harris received	339

Two ballots were thrown out by the Tellers.

National President: I declare Belle C. Harris duly elected to be National President of the Woman's Relief Corps for the coming year. Cora M. Davis has been promised the honor of escorting the National President-elect to the platform.

Mrs. Davis then escorted Mrs. Harris to the platform and introduced her to the Convention by saying: I am sorry that I am not in my usual voice. I present to you the woman who by your ballots you have shown conclusively is your choice for National President. She is, therefore, our choice. Mrs. Harris, you have won the prize for which the Department of Oregon was striving, but I pledge to you not alone my support, but the loyal support of every member of the Department of Oregon, and wish for you a prosperous and pleasant administration.

Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Knauff also came to the platform.

Mrs. McBride: Mrs. Harris, I pledge you my support, and also the support of Indiana. We are all law-abiding citizens and always submit cheerfully to the rule of the majority. If ever the time comes when this organization wishes me to be its standard bearer I shall feel honored by the trust. In the mean time I shall find plenty to do. I am a housekeeper and a home mother, I am five times a grandmother, and all the children love to come and play in grandmother's house. Yet, Mrs. Harris, if I can serve you at any time I shall be glad to do so.

Mrs. Knauff Mrs. Harris, permit me to congratulate you upon the magnificent vote that you received, and to assure you of my loyal support. You will find Ohio loyal. Ohio is ever true to her officers. Mrs. McBride can beat me one on grandchildren, but, like her, there is plenty of work that I can find to do. If at any time I can be of service to you, command me.

Mrs. Harris: Words are inadequate at this time to express my feelings as I realize the responsibility that comes to me, and I thank you for the support that collectively and individually you have pledged me. I cannot carry on the work of this grand Order without the support of the members. With your assistance much may be accomplished, without it nothing. I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me, and shall endeavor to prove myself worthy of it.

On motion of Florence O. McClelland, Illinois, seconded by Jennie L. Jones, Utah, the Credential Committee was discharged with a vote of thanks for their arduous work.

Convention adjourned until 8.30 Friday morning on motion of Alfaretta M. DeVine of Pennsylvania, seconded by Martina L. Hamblett of California.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION — SEPTEMBER 23.

Convention was called to order Friday morning at nine o'clock by the National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, who requested the National officers to take their places upon the platform, and directed that the Guards secure the doors and admit none without the password.

Prayer was offered by the National Patriotic Instructor, Mary M. North, after which Convention sang one verse of the Opening Ode, and gave the salute to the flag.

National President: The volume of business before the Convention at this time is probably heavier than at any previous Convention. While we have transacted the same amount of business which is usually transacted up to this time, you will remember that there is an enormous number of resolutions yet to come before us requiring new legislation. I ask the coöperation of every delegate in helping to so dispatch business that we may have time to give careful consideration to the resolutions.

The Assistant Secretary, Maria W. Going, will call the roll, and should any delegate come in after roll-call the Guard will please take her name and hand it in writing to the Secretary.

On motion of Hollen E. Day, Missouri, seconded by Emma K. McCammon, Ohio, it was decided that the President of each Department should answer for her entire delegation.

The Assistant Secretary then called the roll of Convention.

Sarah E. Fulton, New York: Mrs. President, the Grand Army has decided to hold its Encampment next year in Rochester, and I wish to, at this time, extend an invitation to the Woman's Relief Corps to come to Rochester. We shall be glad to have you and I assure you of a most cordial welcome.

Regina Demarest, Department President of New York: Mrs. President, permit me to say that the entire Department of New York seconds that invitation. We are glad to have you come.

Ella B. Craft, New York: Mrs. President, we in Rochester may not have the grand old ocean and the magnificent Ocean Piers, nor yet a Board Walk, but all delegates from Rochester have been wearing a little button containing the picture of a little boy and girl holding out great bunches of flowers, because we do have flowers in Rochester, and the best we have shall be yours.

National President: We thank the delegates from New York for their kind invitation, and we shall be pleased to hold our Convention next year in Rochester.

Sarah E. Staplin, Department President of Kansas, in behalf of herself and the Kansas delegation, then presented Belle C. Harris,

National President-elect, an exquisite bunch of roses, saying, "I bring you not richest jewels, but out from Nature's store I have gathered the choicest flowers as a pledge of the personal loyalty of myself and delegation. We are proud of the honor that has been bestowed upon Kansas and proud of Belle C. Harris."

Belle C. Harris: I thank you, Mrs. Staplin. Flowers bloom but to fade, but in years to come I shall remember the friendship that has prompted this gift. I shall remember that Kansas is loyal to me, and that fact will be of assistance all through the coming year. Mrs. President, may I leave these roses here, where the Convention may enjoy them, until I return to the hotel?

National President: You see, ladies, Mrs. Harris is already giving of herself to you.

Mary M. Stark, Department President of Missouri: Mrs. Berry, I wish to present you this little gift as a token of the esteem in which you are held in Missouri and in appreciation of the grand work you have done this year.

She presented Mrs. Berry with an elegantly embroidered centerpiece.

National President: Mrs. Stark, I thank you. I wish I had words to tell you of my appreciation, not alone of this beautiful gift, but of the loyal support that Missouri has given me all through my year's work.

Lodusky J. Taylor: Mrs. President, I wish you to add this spoon to your collection as a reminder of the pleasure it has given me to have been associated with you in our work this year.

Mrs. Taylor presented a silver spoon, souvenir of her own home city.

National President: Mrs. Taylor, I thank you sincerely, although I need nothing to remind me of our associations this year. The memory of your friendship and kindness throughout the year will remain with me always.

The Guard announced that some delegates had arrived who had not yet presented their credential cards.

National President: The Credential Committee asked to be discharged yesterday, and by vote of this Convention were discharged when they presented their report.

On motion of Marie L. Basham of Iowa, seconded by Clara A. Lukens of South Dakota, the report of the Credential Committee was ordered opened and the same Committee reappointed.

The minutes of the Thursday afternoon session were read, and approved with some corrections as to names.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President: Mrs. President, the question has been asked me if a delegate of this Convention leave the city, has left for good, and her alternate is here in Atlantic City, if the alternate is now entitled to a seat in Convention.

National President: The Chair would rule that the alternate is entitled to a seat in Convention in her stead, if the delegate is not coming back to this Convention during any of its sessions.

The Guard announced that the Chairman of the Women's Citizens' Committee, with two of her assistants, was at the door.

The National President directed the Conductors and Color Bearers to escort the ladies into the Convention, which was done.

Mesdames Esta B. Hann, J. T. Beckwith and Carrie M. Carmack were introduced to the President, who in turn presented them to the Convention and requested that the ladies be given the salute.

Mrs. Beckwith, Chairman Committee on Souvenirs, returning the salute, said: Mrs. President, I was raised in an army Post and instantly the old army salute came back to my heart. I have been deputized to present each delegate to this Convention with a hat pin upon which is the facsimile of the little button worn by the Grand Army, and I trust that you will each wear these pins after your return home as an evidence of the esteem that we have for the patriotic women of this country. If at any time during your stay in this city I can be of any service, just telephone 502 and I will "come running."

Mrs. Hann then presented Mrs. Carrie M. Carmack, Vice-Chairman of the Women's Citizens' Committee, saying that anything in committee work she could not do, Mrs. Carmack did.

The National President was presented with one of the souvenir hat pins bearing the design of the Grand Army button in copper bronze, the others being deposited near the platform for future distribution.

The National Junior Vice-President pinned upon the breast of each visitor the badge of the Convention.

National President: Members of the Women's Citizens' Committee, I voice the sentiment of every delegate when I thank you for this visit and affirm our appreciation of the many ways in which you have provided for our comfort and entertainment during our stay here.

Carrie D. Frisbe, Kansas: Mrs. President, I move a rising vote of thanks to these ladies for their thoughtfulness in providing for the comfort and pleasure of our delegates and for the beautiful souvenirs they have given us.

Lillian A. Hendricks, Kansas, seconded the motion, which was stated and carried unanimously by a rising vote.

The visitors were then escorted from the room.

The Credential Committee reported 415 members answering to roll-call, and two delegates as having entered the room and presented their names in writing after roll-call, making 417 delegates present at the session.

National President: Nominations are now in order for National Senior Vice-President.

Regina Demarest, Department President of New York: Mrs. President, I wish to place in nomination for National Senior Vice-President a woman who seems the embodiment of our motto, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Those who have met her cordial greeting and hearty hand-clasp will agree with me that she is the personification of our fraternal spirit; we who know her can tell you of her many acts of kindness and charity, and we all glory in her loyalty. She has served the National organization as Chief of Staff and Secretary, and there are many here today, from Maine to California, who can testify to her untiring energy and ability, but this is the first time that her name has ever been presented for an elective office. I take pleasure in placing in nomination Eliza Brown Daggett of New York.

Sarah E. Fulton: In behalf of the New York delegation and personally, I would second that nomination.

Florence O. McClelland, Illinois: As the daughter of a New York comrade, I wish to second the nomination of New York's candidate.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President: As one who knows the ability of Eliza Brown Daggett, I wish to second her nomination.

Agnes Hitt, Past National President: Having been associated in the work with Mrs. Daggett, I most heartily second her nomination.

Past National Presidents Abbie A. Adams, Kate E. Jones and Harriet J. Bodge also seconded the nomination.

The Convention rose almost *en masse* to support the nomination.

National President: So many are standing to second this nomination that I will request you to hand your names in writing to the Secretary that all may appear in the Journal, but we will not take the time to receive them all from the floor.

The following names were handed to the Secretary as seconding the nomination of Eliza Brown Daggett for National Senior Vice-President: Margaret Garey Wright, as one of New York's daughters; Geraldine E. Frisbie of California; Belle C. Harris of Kansas and Maria W. Going of Massachusetts personally seconded the nomination. Department Presidents in behalf of the following delegations seconded the nomination: Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maryland, West Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Oregon, Colorado and Wyoming, South Dakota, Washington and Alaska.

There being no other nominations, on motion of Mary L. Gilman, Past National President, seconded by Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President, and Geraldine E. Frisbie of California, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the house for Eliza Brown Daggett as National Senior Vice-President. This was done, Mrs. Daggett was declared duly elected and her sister, Sarah E.

Fulton of New York, given the privilege of escorting her to the platform.

Mrs. Daggett: Not many of this Convention know that this woman who was a faithful worker in the Order many years before I became active in the work is my dear sister. I have not words to thank this Convention for the splendid ovation you have given me. But I have saved you time and the Tellers lots of trouble in counting ballots. I thank you.

National President: Nominations are in order for National Junior Vice-President.

Harriet J. Bodge, Past National President: It gives me great pleasure to present for this office the name of an old and experienced worker in the Woman's Relief Corps, that modest little woman who withdrew at Cleveland in favor of another candidate, Charlotte J. Durell of New Jersey, and New Jersey has richly earned the honors we would give her.

The nomination was seconded by the entire delegation from New Jersey, and by Florence Haynes in behalf of the Department of Massachusetts.

There were no other nominations for National Junior Vice-President.

Hollen E. Day, Missouri: I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Durell.

Minnie M. Kyle, Illinois: As the candidate for whom Mrs. Durell withdrew, I ask the privilege of seconding the motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot.

A large majority of delegates seconded the nomination by standing.

The motion was stated, carried unanimously, and the ballot cast by the Secretary. Mrs. Durell was declared duly elected National Junior Vice-President, and Mrs. Bodge given the honor of escorting her to the platform and presenting her to the Convention.

Mrs. Durell: Ladies, I thank you for the honor that you have conferred upon me and New Jersey. I shall try to keep the work up to its present high standard, and will discharge the duties of the office to which you have elected me to the best of my ability.

National President: Nominations are in order for National Treasurer.

Florence Haynes, Department President of Massachusetts: Ladies, I stand before you to nominate for National Treasurer a woman who for five years has demonstrated her ability to discharge satisfactorily every duty of that office, and since upon my shoulders has been placed the responsibility of nominating a woman who has held that office for five years I want you to listen to every word I have to say. You all know that we have had National Treasurers who have served a longer period than five years, and we are only asking that you give

the office to Mrs. Wright one year longer, not that she may have the honor of holding it as long as a predecessor in office, but because Mrs. Wright is supporting an invalid husband, and this work which she is doing so well is something that she can attend to without being obliged to leave her home.

I leave it to you, if it is not our duty, as a band of women organized to assist the Union veterans and his dependent ones, to take this fact into consideration at this time, and allow the salary we pay our National Treasurer help a sister who is the bread-winner for her family because her husband, who is a Union veteran, is an invalid. Shall we not in this manner help that sister and that veteran? Don't let the fact that express charges from Connecticut are heavy influence your vote in this matter, but when you pay them remember that you are doing it for a sick veteran. I, therefore, place in nomination for National Treasurer, Charlotte E. Wright of Connecticut.

This nomination was seconded by the entire delegations of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Mississippi, Louisiana, Utah, Maine in part, Tennessee, Rhode Island, Nebraska, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Vermont, Indiana, Illinois with one exception, Montana and Missouri; and personally by Mary L. Gilman, Past National President; Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President; Sarah D. Winans, Past National President; Nora B. Atkinson, Potomac; Emma K. McCammon, Anna I. McCoy and Olive G. Williams from the Department of Ohio; Maria W. Going and Fannie M. Jones, Massachusetts; Clara A. Lake and Hattie Ford, Rhode Island; Eliza Patten, New Hampshire; Carrie R. Read, Past National President; Martina L. Hamblett, California; Mary E. Dow, Potomac; Fannie D. W. Hardin, National Senior Vice-President; Vina M. Calhoun, Potomac; Margaret Garey Wright, National Press Correspondent; Amelia F. Colgan, Virginia; Abbie A. Adams, Past National President.

Harriet J. Bodge, Connecticut: Mrs. President, I was busy writing on committee work, and some one asked me if I was not in favor of Mrs. Wright. I wish now publicly to state that I have been in favor of her re-election all the time, and I most emphatically second the nomination.

Susie F. Loomis, Pennsylvania: Mrs. President and ladies of this Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, time brings to us duties, and with duties come privileges and honor, and today I deem it an honor to stand here before this body of true, loyal, patriotic women and present a candidate for the office of National Treasurer, one who needs no introduction to you. She has served the National body as National Senior Vice-President, National Inspector and National Secretary, and her own Department, the Keystone

State, Pennsylvania, as Department President one year and Department Secretary for twenty-two consecutive years. What better record can we wish for National Treasurer?

Her knowledge of the Order and her great executive ability have no superior in any Department. She has been a member and worker with you, shoulder to shoulder, since the organization of the Woman's Relief Corps in 1883, and like gold tried in the fire she has always been true and loyal.

Ten years ago Pennsylvania wished to bring forth the name of Abbie Lynch for National Treasurer, and they were asked to wait until later. They did so. Five years ago they were again asked to wait. They did so. One year ago they were again asked not to present the name, and again have been asked not to bring forth the name this year. Now we feel that in justice to Pennsylvania and their candidate they should receive some recognition at this Convention; I therefore present the name of Abbie Lynch for the office of National Treasurer, and I ask your vote for Mrs. Lynch and assure you that you will make no mistake in electing her to this office. Mrs. Lynch is the wife of a veteran of the Civil War, who, like many, many others, gave the best years of his life to his country and is now impaired in health.

Mrs. President, I leave the result of this nomination to the will of this Convention.

Laura W. Willow, Department President of Pennsylvania: The entire delegation from Pennsylvania desires to second the nomination of Abbie Lynch for National Treasurer.

Hollen E. Day, Missouri: As one who knows something about stepping aside, I wish to second the nomination of Abbie Lynch.

Regina Demarest, Department President of New York: Mrs. President, the entire delegation from New York also wishes to endorse the candidacy of Abbie Lynch.

Kate E. Jones, New York: Knowing how bravely Abbie Lynch has met all the burdens of life, I wish to second her nomination.

Emma Stark Hampton, Michigan: Mrs. Wright and I have been friends for years, but I feel that I should stand by Abbie Lynch and desire to second her nomination.

The nomination was further seconded by Charlotte Sink Cumings of Pennsylvania; Sarah E. Phillips, New York; Ida V. Cox, West Virginia.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: Mrs. President, it is always a hard thing to talk against the election of a good woman to office, especially a woman who has our sympathy; but there is a question in my mind as to whether or not we have a right to again elect Mrs. Wright National Treasurer. Our first two National Treasurers each served six years.

Our next National Treasurer, that peerless woman, Isabelle T. Bagley, served but five years because in 1900 the National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps voted that never again should the term of a National Treasurer exceed five years. Our splendid National Treasurer, Charlotte E. Wright, has served her five years, and now have we the right to set aside established precedent and the ruling of a previous National Convention? A rule is a rule, and shall we abrogate to ourselves the authority to violate laws which we have enacted, believing them to be for the best interest of this Order, because of our sympathy for a sister member of the Order?

Armilla A. Cheney, Past National Treasurer: Mrs. Turner served seven years as National Treasurer, and I was glad that she had the honor of serving one more year than I.

Florence Haynes, Massachusetts: I rise to ask if it was a decision of National Convention that the Treasurer could serve only five years, why it has not been so promulgated in the decisions of Convention?

National President: Any member in good standing in her Corps is eligible for election to any office in the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: I second the nomination of Abbie Lynch because I love her for the nobility of her character, and while I have only the kindest thoughts for our present National Treasurer I must say that the five-year rule, if not a decision of Convention, has become an unwritten law of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Lodusky J. Taylor, Past National President: I love both Charlotte E. Wright and Abbie Lynch, but it has been an understood fact that when the time of the present National Treasurer expired, that Minnesota would present a candidate for that office, and I present at this time the name of Marie A. Soule of Minnesota, who is in every way qualified to discharge the duties of the office and fill the position in a manner satisfactory to herself and to us.

For twenty-five years she has been a faithful worker in the Woman's Relief Corps, has filled Corps and Department offices. For five years she served as Department Secretary. She is the widow of a soldier, and her heart is in the work. Our Department thought of the location of the office, for we in the West have felt it a burden year after year to send so far for our supplies, and we feel that to be just to all Departments the office of the National Treasurer should be in the most central portion of the United States, and then the East and the West would share equally in the transportation expenses on supplies. Minnesota would be grateful if you would consider this matter and the merits of our candidate.

Fannie M. Jones, Massachusetts: I desire personally to second the nomination of Mrs. Wright. For five years I have been Treasurer

of a large Department and am qualified to know that she is well qualified for the office. Now in regard to location. The greater amount of supplies go to the Departments east of the Mississippi River, because their membership is so much larger; and while it is unfortunate for a few to be obliged to send so far for supplies, we should consider the greatest good to the greatest number. And there is another fact, our supplies are printed in the East, and if we shipped them West to a National Treasurer, then the Corps in the East would be obliged to pay to have them shipped East again. But aside from the matter of expense of shipping supplies, let us consider this matter in the true spirit of fraternity and give the office to this sister who needs it this year, and discuss the other problems later.

Lucie S. Lewis, Department President of Minnesota: The entire delegation from Minnesota is standing to second the nomination of Marie A. Soule.

The nomination of Marie A. Soule was also seconded by the Departments of Texas, North Dakota; Flora S. Wilson and Eloise S. Lehow of Colorado and Wyoming, and Josephine H. Dunning of Washington and Alaska, personally.

Anna B. Tuck-Sapp of Illinois asked if it would not be possible to rescind action of former Convention in establishing a five-year limit.

Mary L. Gilman: If that law had been passed it certainly would be a part of our Rules and Regulations.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne: If such a law as that were to be passed, in order to become effective notice of the intended change should be promulgated thirty days before the National Convention convened. If any Convention did make any such ruling it is not effective, as there was no notice given of making such a change to our Rules and Regulations.

Isabel Worreil Ball: I want to emphasize what Mrs. Kinne has just said. For twenty-four years at National Convention after National Convention I have stood on the floor and fought for all changes to be made through the proper channels, in making the amendments to the Rules and Regulations. I have not missed a Convention, and the most important part of our work is left to the last, and only a little over a hundred delegates remain to do it. They think when officers are elected that the work of Convention is finished.

Emma K. McCammon, Ohio: Mrs. President, I rise to a point of order. No member is allowed to speak more than once on the same question.

The point raised was not well taken.

Sarah D. Winans, Past National President: Mrs. President, can we pass a law preventing any woman from being elected?

National President. The Chair has ruled that under Rules and Regulations any woman in good standing is eligible to any office in the Woman's Relief Corps.

Though no appeal was taken, Florence O. McClelland, Illinois, moved that the decision of the Chair be sustained. Seconded by Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President

Fannie D. W. Hardin, National Senior Vice-President Ladies, you have heard the motion. Shall we sustain the Chair in this ruling, that any woman in good standing in her own Corps is eligible to election to any office? All in favor will please signify it by the usual voting sign of the Order. Contrary by the same sign.

You have sustained the Chair in this ruling.

Sophia N. Strathearn, Department President of Wisconsin: Mrs. President, Wisconsin has a candidate to present at this time for National Treasurer. We feel that Wisconsin is entitled to recognition in National Convention, and in looking over the list of Past National officers you will find that we have been honored only twice, once with the election of a National President, and once by the election of one of our Department as National Senior Vice-President. Should the office of National Treasurer be located in Wisconsin the transportation charges would be equalized, and we have a woman in every way fitted for the office. I am proud to place in nomination Annie E. Noyes, who has served the Department of Wisconsin as Secretary, Treasurer and President.

The nomination was seconded by the entire delegation from Wisconsin.

Nominations for National Treasurer were declared closed and the four candidates, Charlotte E. Wright, Abbie Lynch, Marie A. Soule and Annie E. Noyes, were presented from the platform. Ballots were prepared, collected, the ballot declared closed and Tellers retired to count the same.

Marie L. Basham, Instituting and Installing Officer, stated that she had given out the souvenir hat pins to the Chairman of each delegation, in all four hundred and seventy-two hat pins.

Guard announced that Dr. Patton, President of Memorial University, was at the door. The President directed the Color Bearers and Chief Conductor, Addie E. Unangst, to escort Dr. Patton into the room.

National President: I have the pleasure of introducing to the Convention the President of Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, Dr. Walter J. Patton.

Dr. Patton was given the salute of the Order, after which he made a short talk to the Convention as follows:

Mrs. President, realizing that your time is valuable, I will take only a very few moments to speak of Memorial University. You

have given us your support, both through the National organization and through a number of your Departments, and I understand there are a number of resolutions to come before this Convention relative to Memorial University, and it is only right that you should know something about us. We have about \$200,000 invested in the institution. The campus alone contains forty acres of ground, and the library and apparatus necessary in laboratory work, etc., are worth about \$100,000. So you see we are fully equipped to give the student all the advantages he would receive at any other college, plus the special training that we give along our special lines.

You know that all over this land monuments of marble and bronze are being erected in honor of soldiers and statesmen. It was the idea of the Sons of Veterans to erect a living monument, by founding a college dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic, where special emphasis should be placed upon patriotic training, and so we have, in addition to the studies given at other colleges, a Chair of American History and Applied Patriotism. Special training is given in American history, for we feel that a thorough knowledge of the history of this country is the essential fact in making patriotic citizens.

I don't know how better to explain the Chair of Applied Patriotism than to say that it is our aim to impress upon the minds of our students that they are not being educated to become better wage-earners, but that they are to become the leaders in the community in which they live. The greatest need of this nation at this time is citizens who serve, not for self, pelf or graft, but for the best interest of the common people, and we need more citizens like Teddy Roosevelt, who cannot be swerved from what they believe to be for the country's welfare. So we are aiming to turn out patriotic citizens who believe that the highest and noblest calling of man is to benefit his fellow men.

We are still struggling for funds. You know they say that over in China they begin building at the top, and their greatest trouble is in laying the first stone. Now we, too, reversed the usual order by dedicating our University before it was built. We dedicated it to the Grand Army of the Republic, and that fact has stayed the hand, closed the pocketbook and locked the doors to the vaults of the men who endow educational and charitable institutions, for it is only natural that the men who contribute to the support of an institution should wish to see their names inscribed over its doors; and when they are told that our institution is a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, and not to those who contribute, the contribution is not made. That is the reason that we are forced to appeal to you for assistance, and I take this opportunity of thanking you for the very material aid you have already extended to us.

National President: I will request Past National President Carrie R. Read to respond to Dr. Patton.

Mrs. Read: I was privileged to visit Memorial University one autumn, and I was interested, as all mothers are, in the education of their sons, and I am glad to note that the various Departments are taking up the work for Memorial University, for certainly only good can be said of the environment that surrounds the students of that institution. I want to congratulate you, Dr. Patton, upon the great success that is crowning the efforts of the Sons of Veterans in establishing this living memorial to the Grand Army, which will bear fruit long after we have passed away, and I offer you my hand and good fellowship in the interest of Memorial University. I wish you all success. I thank you, Mrs. President, for having given me this honor.

Dr. Patton was then escorted from the room.

Florence M. Westcott of New York then, in behalf of the National Aides, presented Ida E. Palmer, Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, with a handsome gold chain with pearl pendant, and a sterling silver toilet set, saying, "Mrs. Palmer, your co-workers love and esteem you highly, and request you to accept this token of our appreciation of the friendship established this year."

Mrs. Palmer: Mrs. Westcott and National Aides, I am very much surprised at this expression of your esteem, which I shall prize highly. With me, as I am sure it was with you, the work this year has been a labor of love, and I know that we will each feel a deeper interest in our work because of the experiences of the year.

National President: If there are any committee reports ready, let us hear them at this time.

Fannie M. Jones, Massachusetts: Mrs. President, I am ready with the report of the Committee on National Treasurer's Report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: Your Committee having carefully examined the National Treasurer's report and listened to the report of the Auditing Committee, as to her accounts being correct and books in perfect condition, heartily approve the same and commend her faithful, conscientious work.

The Committee each having served as a Department Treasurer, and fully realizing the vast amount of work required in keeping so many funds, desire to congratulate the National organization on having such a faithful officer for so important a trust. As we believe

it is just as essential to have three reports of the Secretary as it is of the Treasurer, we approve the recommendations contained therein.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

FANNIE M. JONES, Massachusetts, *Chairman*,
JESSIE MCKAY, Iowa,
S. ANNIS DAVIDSON, New York,
NORA B. ATKINSON, Potomac,
SARAH M. WILKINS, Oklahoma,

Committee.

On motion of Eloise S. Lehow, Colorado and Wyoming, seconded by Florence E. Moody of Michigan, the report of the Committee was adopted, with the exception of the recommendations, which were referred to the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Cora M. Davis, Chairman, then submitted the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.: A careful examination of the National Chaplain's report shows a conscientious attempt to further the work of our Order along this line, and to have every Department and Detached Corps included in her report. Her zeal as a National officer is commendable.

It is to be regretted that Department officers are ever tardy with their reports to National officers, thus rendering it impossible to make complete reports to their National Convention.

We note the growing interest in the fitting observance of Memorial Day throughout the land, and especially in the South.

We refer the recommendations to the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations, and otherwise recommend the adoption of the report.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

CORA M. DAVIS, Oregon, *Chairman*,
LAURA W. WILLOW, Pennsylvania,
ELIZA A. PATTEN, New Hampshire,
SOPHIA N. STRATHEARN, Wisconsin,
HARRIETTE L. REED, Massachusetts,

Committee.

The report of the Committee was adopted on motion of Regina Demarest, New York, seconded by Lizzie Smith, Oregon.

The report of the Committee on National Senior Vice-President's Report was submitted by the Chairman, Eliza Brown Daggett.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT'S
REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.: Your Committee has carefully read the report of the National Senior Vice-President. We fully recognize her untiring efforts to perform faithfully the duties of the office and the willingness expressed to aid the administration during the temporary absence of our honored President.

She is to be congratulated upon the many opportunities given her to represent the Order in various ways and places during the year, and we heartily commend her for her zeal and earnestness, and appreciate her efforts in the splendid work accomplished for our beloved Order.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

ELIZA BROWN DAGGETT, New York, *Chairman*,
ADDIE E. UNANGST, Iowa,
KATHERINE HARPSTER MOORE, Montana,
HELEN A. SILLS, Colorado and Wyoming,
LOIS IRENE EARL, Connecticut,

Committee.

The report of the Committee on National Senior Vice-President's Report was adopted on motion of Jennie S. Wiscombe of Washington and Alaska, seconded by Josie McNerney of Texas.

Ida Shotts Pentreath, Chairman, submitted the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TELEGRAMS AND GREETINGS.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.: The Committee on Telegrams and Greetings would report that the five telegrams ordered by vote of Convention have been sent and forty-three letters have been written.

Past National President Fanny E. Minot writes: "Your arrangements seem very complete, and I feel assured you will have a pleasant and harmonious Convention."

Calista R. Jones, Past National President, expresses great disappointment at not being able to attend Convention, and writes that after a very serious illness she is now able to walk about the room with the help of a cane. She wishes her hearty greetings conveyed to Convention.

Kate B. Sherwood, Past National President, sends fraternal greetings and urges us to push forward the good work.

Past National President Margaret Ray Wickins writes: "Circumstances make it impossible for me to be with you, but be assured that

my interest has not in the least abated in the grand work of our Order, and may your year close with the brightest record, and success attend your closing hours."

Many other letters and telegrams received from Past National and Department officers contained expressions of congratulations and best wishes for a successful Convention.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

IDA SHOTTS PENTREATH, New York, *Chairman*,

MARY I. HAYES, Connecticut,

MARY E. ELLIOT, Massachusetts,

Committee.

TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS OF GREETING.

MOSCOW, IDAHO, September 1, 1910.

My dear President: It is with regret and heartache that I extend to you, and through you to the Twenty-eighth National Convention, the greetings I had hoped to express in person.

May the success which has attended your work through the year fittingly add its crown of a most successful and harmonious Convention. God bless you every one.

Sincerely and lovingly yours in F., C. and L.

CLARA L. CAMPBELL,

National Chaplain.

MANHATTAN, KANS., September 20, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Congratulations upon your year's work. Loving greetings to every member. Sorry I cannot be with you.

CORA M. DEPUTY,

Second Member National Executive Board.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, August 23, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear Mrs. Berry: I thank you very much for the interest you have shown in my behalf, and wish you not only a happy and prosperous Convention, but happiness and prosperity through life.

Very sincerely yours,

ALICE McEWEN,

Fifth Member National Executive Board.

TOLEDO, OHIO, September 19, 1910.

MARGARIA WADE McCLELLAN, *National Secretary, W.R.C.*

Fraternal greetings to National Convention. Push forward the good work.

KATE B. SHERWOOD,
Past National President.

DENISON, IOWA, September 6, 1910.

NIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Madam: In its ever ceaseless onward movement time has again brought to the National Woman's Relief Corps its "Harvest Home," and wish for you the recompense of a great satisfaction in the gathering of sheaves and placing before the Convention over which you will preside the results of a year of faithful, conscientious effort in the interest of the organization you so ably represent. May the closing days of your administration be its happiest ones in the realization of duties faithfully performed and the luxury of having given a year's time of unceasing thought and activity to the beneficent aims and objects of the Woman's Relief Corps as the Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic and pledged to its inspiring, patriotic service.

With the Department of Iowa, W.R.C., I rejoice in the honors that have come to us through National Headquarters, and trust that its record of good work accomplished will prove that our Order made no mistake in placing its affairs in your keeping.

For the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C., I send most fraternal greeting and good wishes. May its sessions be harmonious, its decisions wise and prudent, and its influence an inspiration and benefaction to the "Order we serve."

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.

MARY SEARS McHENRY,
Past National President, W.R.C., 1890-91.

PARIS, ILL., September 19, 1910.

NIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Madam: It is again necessary for me to forego the pleasure of being with the dear friends of years ago, as well as those of later years, for the work of the Woman's Relief Corps. Circumstances unavoidable make it impossible for me to be with you, but be assured that my interest is not in the least abated in the grand work of our Order, and I shall think of you every moment of your sessions.

May your year close with the brightest record and success attend its closing hours, as it has your entire administration. With loving remembrance to all, I am in

Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

MARGARET RAY WICKINS,
Past National President, W.R.C.

WILMINGTON, ILL., September 23, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Greetings to Convention. Sorry I am not with you.

FLO. J. MILLER,
Past National President.

BRADFORD, VT., September 9, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear Mrs. President: Words fail to express my great disappointment that I must give up going to Convention. I particularly wanted to be a part of your Convention. There are several important matters that I desired to have a voice in, but Providence has ordered otherwise.

I was very ill. I hovered on the border-land for nearly two weeks, and though my improvement from that time has been steady, it has necessarily been slow. My physicians and all my friends consider my recovery very miraculous.

Please convey my hearty greetings to the Convention assembled, and tell them I'll try to meet them next year.

Accept my congratulations on a very successful administration, which I hope may be crowned with a fitting and harmonious closing.

Yours very sincerely,

CALISTA ROBINSON JONES,
Past National President.

CONCORD, N.H., September 20, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear Mrs. Berry: Greetings to Twenty-eighth National Convention, and sincere regrets that I cannot be present and have a part in its deliberations.

With best wishes for a harmonious and successful meeting, I am,

Cordially yours,

FANNY E. MINOT,
Past National President.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, August 30, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Mrs. Berry: Congratulations upon your year of good work and fraternal greetings to the members assembled in National Convention. Best wishes for a harmonious and profitable session.

Sincerely in F., C. and L.

MARY C. WENTZEL,
Past National Senior Vice-President.

TACOMA, WASH., September 13, 1910.

JENNIE I BERRY, *National President, W R C*

My dear Mrs Berry May the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C., surpass all previous ones in good fellowship, in rich harvest of a year's work and in wise legislation for the future.

Sincerely yours in F, C and L

URSULA M MATTISON,
Past National Senior Vice-President.

CHARLESTON, W VA., September 22, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W R C*

Deeply regretting my unavoidable absence, I send best wishes and loving greetings to you and all in Convention assembled

ELLEN F DANIELS,
Past National Junior Vice-President

PIERRE, S.D., September 17, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C., Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, now assembled*

Fraternal greetings to National Convention and congratulations to you, yourself, dear National President, and the faithful officers who have assisted you in crowning the year's work with such great success.

It is with many regrets that I am obliged to greet the Convention through pen and paper instead of face to face. However, I am at the post of duty and a good soldier never shirks.

Kindly extend my sincere thanks to the many Departments favoring me with their General Orders, whereby I have been able to keep in touch with the general workings of our Order and to realize that our united efforts have broadened our horizon. I greatly appreciate, also, the many invitations to the various festivities during Convention week.

The memory of by-gone years, when I could be with you, and when I received high honors from our National Convention, will aid me this week in sending you many mental telegraphic messages. May the hours be spent to the best advantage and special emphasis be given to Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

With loving greetings to all, I am,

Fraternally,

MARY NOYES FARR,
Past National Senior Vice-President.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., September 21, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Deeply regret that I can not be with you in Convention assembled. Sincere greetings to one and all, with best wishes for a successful Convention.

ISABELLE T. BAGLEY,
Past National Treasurer.

KANSAS CITY, MO., September 20, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, Greetings.*

Regretting my inability to be with you, I send you the best wishes of a loyal heart.

I congratulate you, Mrs. Berry, on a successful year. God bless you all.

In F., C. and L.

MARY M. BROWN,
Past National Chaplain.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., September 18, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN, *National Secretary, W.R.C.*

From far-away California I send greetings to the Twenty-eighth National Convention assembled. May it accomplish much for the good of the Order. Illness prevents my attendance.

CARRIE W. DIBBLE,
Department President.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, September 22, 1910.

To the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.

Love and greetings to National President and Convention.

MARTHA M. CAMPBELL,
President, Department of Utah.

LOS GATOS, CAL., September 13, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear National President: I bid you "Godspeed" in your Convention. May you accomplish all you have been striving for during the past year, and may the culmination of your year's work be a fitting one, pre-eminently satisfactory in every way.

May you be guided and upheld by the great unseen Power that marks the sparrow's fall, during your executive sessions.

Your loving friend and co-worker in F., C. and L.

ALICE M. GILLETT,
Past Department President.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., September 12, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear President: To the Twenty-eighth National Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, I extend cordial and hearty greetings, and best wishes for a harmonious and successful Convention. The memory of the

happy occasion of my last year's meeting with you in the beautiful city of Salt Lake still lingers with me, and shall ever be a cherished memory.

I sincerely regret that I am unable to be present with you

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.

ELLA F. VAN HORNE,
National Special Aide and Past Department President.

BOULDER, COL , September 16, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear President: I am in receipt of your very cordial invitation to attend your National Convention. I thank you for the remembrance and assure you it is appreciated. Accept my sincere congratulations upon your successful administration. I regret I cannot be with you.

Fraternally yours,

IRENE B. COWIE,
Past Department President.

DES MOINES, IOWA, September 6, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear Mrs. Berry: Deeply regretting my inability to be present at the Convention closing your very successful administration of our beloved Order, I send loving greetings to yourself and members assembled, wishing for each one present a profitable and delightful session. The year just past has been to you full of busy cares in active and loving service for the Grand Army of the Republic and its Auxiliary. You have never been found wanting in devotion to the glorious mission you espoused, and the noble example of your fidelity places another star in the crown of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Yours loyally,

MIRA L. PARKER,
Past Department President.

COLFAX, IOWA, September 8, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear Mrs. Berry: I regret more than I can tell that I shall be unable to attend the Twenty-eighth National Convention, over which you are to preside. My thoughts and love will be with you. Nothing is too good for you and your dear, faithful National Secretary.

May your most successful year as National President close with a glorious and prosperous Convention.

Lovingly in F., C. and L.

ELEANOR J. HAWK,
Past Department President.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA, September 14, 1910

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear President: It is a great grief to me that I cannot join with Iowa delegation in personal greetings and expressions of pride in "Our own President" and her wise and conservative administration, but I am unavoidably detained at home.

I send cordial greetings to yourself and the members of Twenty-eighth National Convention. The transfer of Andersonville Prison Park to the United States makes it a memorable Convention, and marks the completion of one of the noblest works ever undertaken by women

Congratulating you in advance on the happy completion of your work, I am,

Yours loyally,

ESTELLA E. PLOPPER,
Past Department President.

EMPORIA, KANS., September 19, 1910.

My dear National President and Sisters assembled in Convention: I send cordial greetings and best wishes for a most successful Convention, and hope that our own Past Department President, Belle C. Harris, may bring to us the highest office within your gift.

Lovingly and fraternally yours in F., C. and L.

MARION STRATTON NATION,
Past Department President.

FITCHBURG, MASS., September 12, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear Mrs. Berry: Your invitation with "Old Glory" at its head is before me, and I know of nothing that would give me greater pleasure than to be present and join in paying honor to our Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Samuel R. Van Sant, and his official staff, also to you, my dear President, and to congratulate you upon your successful year's work. I thank you for the invitation and for the honor conferred, and most sincerely regret that I shall be unable to be present at the reception or National Convention. Please accept best wishes for a very pleasant reception and a successful Convention, and may all your work in the future, as in the past, be full of good deeds and kind thought for every one, for

"None knew you but to love you,
None named you but to praise."

Please extend kindest greetings and best wishes to all my dear sisters in Convention assembled, and may God bless and keep you all.

Sincerely and loyally yours in F., C. and L.

ANNIE C. SHATTUCK,
Department Counselor and Past Department President.

WHITEHALL, MICH , September 19, 1910

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear President. I am sorry I am not with you, but at the last moment I found I was not able to take the journey

I hope the Convention may be all you wish it to be, and may you enjoy it and have a safe return home. Regretting very much that I cannot be with you, I am,

Lovingly yours in F , C and L.

NELLIE DODGE WHITBECK,
Past Department President.

DULUTH, MINN , September 19, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear Mrs Berry. I desire to express my appreciation of your splendid administration, and trust that the past year has brought a fulfillment of your fondest desires for the advancement of our Order. Please convey to the Convention my cordial greetings and best wishes

Words fail to express the depth of my disappointment in not being able to be present, but I shall be with you in thought, and may all you do tend toward the best interests of our Order.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.

NELLA WILLIAMS,
National Aide and Past Department President.

BOZEMAN, MONT., September 12, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Friend: I cannot let the Convention pass without thanking you for all you have done for the Department of Montana. I congratulate you upon a very successful year's work, and may your Convention be a fitting close.

MARY PARKS FLANDERS,
Past Department President.

WAHPETON, N.D., September 12, 1910.

My dear National President, W.R.C.: I wish for your Convention most harmonious and pleasant sessions. May God direct you all. I am more sorry than I can tell that I can not be with you, but my soldier husband is too sick to leave, and I must remain at home from the first National Convention I have missed in seven years. With best wishes for your health and happiness, I am,

Sincerely yours,

LIZZIE A. JOSSELYN,
Past Department President.

ORRVILLE, OHIO, September 20, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY.

Dear National President. Words fail to express my regret in that I am unable to be with you at your Convention to participate in the deliberations of the same and enjoy the companionship of dear friends.

I send through you my most loving greetings and earnest good wishes, hoping you will be given health and strength to carry out your good work.

Faternally,

LUCIE S. HAMILTON,
Past Department President.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., September 21, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Mrs. Berry. Little Rhody wafts loving greetings to you and the Twenty-eighth National Convention, assembled in Atlantic City this morning. With sincere regret that I cannot be present, may sunshine and good cheer crown the close of your administration.

Sincerely in F., C. and L.

JULIA P. NASON,
Past Department President.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., September 19, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Madam: Greetings, sister members of Convention. My thoughts are all of you at this time. Let "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" abound at all your meetings.

Yours with love,

ELLA F. BURT,
Past Department President.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., September 21, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear President: Please convey to the officers and members of your Convention my heartiest greetings and sincere regrets at not being with you all.

Faternally and loyally yours,

LIZZIE E. PRENTICE,
Past Department President.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., September 10, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Madam: I regret that I shall be unable to attend Convention, but trust that it will be a most harmonious one. With my best wishes for the advancement of the Order, I am,

Faternally yours,

HATTIE G. WHEATON,
Past Department President.

ABERDEEN, S D , September 10, 1910.

JENNIE I BERRY, *National President, W R C.*

My dear President: That I am not able to accept your kind invitation to be present at the reception to be tendered Commander-in-Chief Van Sant and staff on September 21 at Atlantic City is not only cause for regret, but a great disappointment to me, for I had planned much on attending National Convention this year. I thank you for remembering me, and my thoughts will be with you through the trying days of your Convention. Congratulating you on your successful year's work and wishing you a pleasant and harmonious Convention, I am,

Yours in F., C and L.

ALMERA STOWELL,
Past Department President.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., September 17, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Mrs. Berry: Shall be with you in heart during Convention week, and trust you may have a grand Convention.

Sincerely yours,

LEONORA H. TUCKER,
Past Department President.

SPOKANE, WASH., September 12, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear President: To you and through you, to the members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, greeting.

My thought spans the distance between us, and I am with you for the advancement of our work. Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty being our guide and inspiration, we cannot fail.

Loyally in F., C. and L.

E. PHILLIS CARLETON,
Past Department President.

SPOKANE, WASH., September 17, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Mrs. Berry: Sincere congratulations upon your successful year's labor and my best wishes for a prosperous Convention.

Loyally in F., C. and L.

MELISSA U. STEWART,
Past Department President.

SEATTLE, WASH., September 9, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Mrs. Berry: Please accept my hearty congratulations for your most successful year; and many, many thanks for the kindnesses shown me, away out here in the "far West," by your words of encouragement

and advice. I hope your Convention will prove the most successful one ever held yet. Would be with you at Atlantic City were not the distance so great, but shall be with you in spirit. May God's choicest blessings attend you.

Yours in F., C. and L.

LETTIE BROWN,
Past Department President.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS., September 19, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Am with you in thought, with best of wishes for one and all.

LETTIE F. WITHERS,
Past Department President.

SHULLSBURG, WIS., September 16, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.,*

My dear Mrs. Berry: Am sorry I cannot be with you at your Convention, but distance prevents. With many wishes for a successful and harmonious Convention, I am,

Yours fraternally,

ELLEN P. WEATHERBY,
Past Department President.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., September 8, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear Mrs. Berry: Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind invitation to the reception tendered Commander-in-Chief Gen. Samuel R. Van Sant by the Woman's Relief Corps on the evening of September 25.

I appreciate the kind remembrance and wish it were in my power to accept, but the great distance makes it at this time impossible. May you have a most pleasant and harmonious Convention. Allow me to congratulate you on your very successful and noble year's work. You have more than fulfilled your promises. We are only sorry that you could not see your way clear to visit our Department during our administration, but hope to see you with us at some future time.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.

JENNIE HEFFELFINGER,
Past Department Secretary.

MANCHESTER, N.H., September 14, 1910.

Dear Mrs. Berry: Just a line this morning. I will not trouble you by taking your time, because I know your minutes are precious just at present.

I am so sorry, but I cannot go to National Convention. I thank you for your kindness, and shall always remember you and my appointment that I could not accept

Best wishes for you and your Convention, and I shall think of you very often.

Yours lovingly,

LENNA B. McCOY,
Department Junior Vice-President.

DUBUQUE, IA., September 8, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*,
Cedar Rapids, Ia.

My dear Mrs. President: Just a few lines of good wishes from the bottom of my heart. May it be success and gratification to the end of your administration as National President. All I am sorry for is that I could not be present at the beginning of your crowning year or at the ending of it.

My best wishes go with you. May you have a safe journey and return.
Yours fraternally,

ELIZABETH M. SAUNDERS,
Department Inspector.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX., September 22, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President.*

Greeting to you and the Twenty-eighth National Convention now assembled. E. J. Davis Relief Corps, Department of Texas, hereby concurs in Recommendation No. 1, and hopes the National Convention will adopt it unanimously. Wishing you a harmonious Convention, I am,

Loyally yours,

CLARA M. ALT,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

TAYLORVILLE, ILL., September 19, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear Mrs. Berry: Congratulations upon your year of grand, good work. I regret that, on account of my health, I could not attend your Convention. You have with you my superior officers from Illinois, which I know will be an inspiration to you, as you had the opportunity to see the grand Convention carried on by them and to hear of the good work our Department has done and is doing. My earnest wish is that the Twenty-eighth National Convention will be harmonious and successful in every detail.

Love and best wishes to you and my own from Illinois.

Sincerely,

ZUA LOGAN HOBSON,
Department Chief of Staff.

TACOMA, WASH , September 12, 1910.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT JENNIE IOWA BERRY *and all Members of Convention,*
Greetings:

May you have a profitable and harmonious Convention and remember that "You may talk about the Masons, the Odd Fellows and such. You may call them so fraternal that they fairly beat the Dutch You may praise them if you wish to, with their mystic rites and noise, But they will never hold a candle to our *old Grand Army Boys* " May God bless them and the W.R.C., their own and only Auxiliary

Yours sincerely in F., C. and L.

MAY A. JOSLYN,
Past Department Chaplain.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., September 14, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear President: Greeting to Convention from J. W. Owen W.R.C. No. 1, Arizona.

MARY ELLEN FIKE,
Corps President.

FORT DODGE, IA., September 14, 1910.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.,*
Atlantic City, N.J.

Dear President: Fort Donelson Woman's Relief Corps No. 20, Department of Iowa, extends to you and Twenty-eighth National Convention fraternal greetings.

Our hearts go out to you in loving thought. We thank you for all you have done for our Order and congratulate you on your most successful year.

Yours in F., C. and L.

MARY A. SNOOK,
BELL C. SENN,
IDA M. BUNNELL,
Committee.

NEW YORK, September 21, 1910.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN, *National Secretary, W.R.C.*

Dear Secretary: Corps No. 15, Department of New York, in meeting assembled voted to send loyal greetings to the National Convention assembled at Atlantic City.

May your visit to our "Gem City of the Ocean" be a pleasant one. We wish for you fair weather and wise decisions.

Fraternally,

MARY E. ROKE,
Corps President.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., September 23, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

God's blessing and my best wishes be with you.

Sincerely,

EMMA T. KLINE,
Past National Special Aide.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., September 17, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

My dear Mrs. Berry: Wishing you a charming Convention in every way, and wishing I might see the well-earned testimonies of love and appreciation, I am,

Yours loyally and lovingly,

ELIZABETH W. PENTECOST,
Special Aide.

BROOKLINE, MASS., September 21, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Dear National President: Our hearts and best wishes are with you. Dearly would we love to look into your dear faces and greet you.

God be with you till we meet again.

Devotedly yours,

JENNIE and KATHERINE HUBBARD.

SALEM, ORE., September 21, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Greetings to National Convention. Regret not being with you. Anxiously desirous Cora M. Davis be elected National President.

ELIZABETH A. DARE.

HATTIE CAMERON.

MANCOS, COLO., September 11, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

Greetings from the Cliff Dwellers' region with best wishes for your Convention and a continuation of your devotional work.

A. B. HARDIN,

*Son of National Senior Vice-President,
Fannie D. W. Hardin.*

ALLIANCE, OHIO, September 3, 1910.

My dear Mrs. Berry: I want to tell you how I have enjoyed the relations existing between us. I am sure they have been the most pleasant. I certainly have enjoyed the exchange of Orders and have noticed great progress during your efficient guidance. Thanking you very kindly for

your Orders and acknowledging the receipt of invitation for myself and staff to attend your reception, we shall certainly with pleasure accept the invitation and do you the honor.

Wishing you a most profitable and pleasant Convention, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

MINNIE T. GUITTARD,

National President, Daughters of Veterans.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., September 4, 1910.

JENNIE I. BERRY, *National President, W.R.C.*

The officers and members of Jessie Benton Fremont Tent No. 4, Daughters of Veterans, at Los Angeles, Cal., extend greetings and best wishes for a successful Convention of the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention Woman's Relief Corps at Atlantic City in September.

Yours in F., C. and L.

FRANCES W. DAVENPORT,

President.

The report of the Committee on Telegrams and Greetings was adopted on motion of Sarah C. White, Indiana, seconded by Regina Demarest, New York.

The Tellers presented the following

REPORT OF THE RESULT OF BALLOT FOR NATIONAL TREASURER.

Whole number of votes cast	402
Necessary for a choice	202
Annie E. Noyes	37
Marie A. Soule	56
Abbie Lynch	75
Charlotte E. Wright	234

National President: I declare Charlotte E. Wright duly elected National Treasurer for the coming year.

Mrs. Lynch asked permission to introduce Mrs. Wright to the Convention. This was granted, and Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Soule and Mrs. Noyes went to the platform with Mrs. Wright, tendered congratulations and pledged her their support during the year.

Charlotte E. Wright: I wish to thank the members of the Convention for having given me this honor. I can do no more for the Woman's Relief Corps than I have done in the past, but all that I can do I will do to advance the Order. I do thank you for the magnificent support you have given me and the confidence you repose in me.

On motion of Regina Demarest, New York, seconded by Anna I. McCoy, Ohio, the Convention adjourned until two o'clock, P.M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION — SEPTEMBER 23.

Convention was called to order by the National President at two o'clock, delegates standing to repeat the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Roll of Convention was called by the Assistant Secretary, Maria W. Going.

Hattie Ford, Convention Guard, Rhode Island, presented a beautiful cut glass dish to the National President, who acknowledged the receipt of the gift with thanks.

Minutes of the Friday morning session were read by Assistant Secretary, and approved after slight corrections.

Lodusky J. Taylor, Chairman, presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.: We, your Committee to whom has been intrusted the splendidly prepared National Patriotic Instructor's report, have carefully examined the same.

We are pleased to note good and full reports from nearly all Departments, also from many of the Detached Corps.

Our National Patriotic Instructor, Mary M. North, has traveled over five thousand miles in pursuance of her work, partly at her own and partly at our expense. Her two Circular Letters sent out are replete with good suggestions, especially calling our attention to the great wave of immigration that is pouring into our gates, and how greatly needed is our work among these aliens. These Circular Letters should be carefully studied by all, and not only studied but their teachings carefully followed.

We are pleased to note the assurance by Mrs. North, who is in a position to so well know, that the sentiment in the South towards our flag has changed, and that school officials even lend assistance in the raising of flags.

We most heartily approve Recommendation No. 1, but this is covered by the work of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom it is referred.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

LODUSKY J. TAYLOR, Minnesota, *Chairman*,
ALICE A. SLATER, Connecticut,
MARY McGRATH, Rhode Island,
IDA M. TRENARY, Illinois,
ADDA H. HALL, Michigan,

Committee.

On motion of Armilla A. Cheney, Illinois, seconded by Ida V. Cox, West Virginia, the report of the Committee on National Patriotic Instructor's Report was adopted.

Addie E. Unangst, Convention Conductor, then in behalf of the Conductors, Guards and Color Bearers presented the National President with a handsome silver handbag, in token of their appreciation of the compliment she had paid them in selecting them for her floor workers in National Convention.

National President: My dear Conductors, Guards and Color Bearers, the indebtedness is all on my side; for what could I have done these past two days without you? I thank you very much for this gift, which I shall prize highly. It is most acceptable.

Florence Haynes, Department President, Massachusetts, gave report of visit of herself and delegation as special committee to bear greetings of Convention to newly elected Commander-in-Chief, saying call was made upon General Gilman and wife at Hotel Traymore, and the congratulations of our Order extended, the Commander-in-Chief-elect responding feelingly.

Report accepted on motion of Kate E. Jones, Past National President, seconded by Antoinette Hoyt, New York.

The Credential Committee reported 299 delegates present.

National President: Nominations are now in order for National Chaplain.

Susie H. Carver, New York: One moment, Mrs. President. Before we nominate any one I wish to move that in order to expedite business only two seconds be allowed to a nomination, and if others desire to endorse the candidate they be given the privilege of handing their names to the Secretary for publication in the Journal.

The motion was seconded by Fannie M. Jones, Massachusetts, and carried.

Jennie S. Wiscombe of Washington and Alaska nominated for National Chaplain Mary A. Gardner, Seattle, Washington.

The nomination was supported by Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, and Regina Demarest, New York.

No further nominations being presented, it was moved by Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Lilah D. Lindsey, Oklahoma, that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Mary A. Gardner as National Chaplain. Motion was carried unanimously, the ballot was cast by the Secretary and the Chaplain-elect presented to the Convention from the platform.

Mary A. Gardner: This is certainly a surprise. Without saying a word to me, my dear friend, Mrs. Wiscombe, nominated me and now you have elected me. I served as Chaplain in the Eastern Star two years. I thank you for your votes and the honor you have done my Department.

National President: Nominations are in order for Chairman of the Executive Board.

Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin, nominated Jennie Iowa Berry.

National President: I thank you, Mrs. Bell, but cannot allow my name to be considered.

Abbie A. Adams, Past National President: Since it is not convenient for Mrs. Berry to allow her name to be presented for Chairman of the Executive Board, I desire to nominate for that office a member from the Department of Nebraska, Alice C. Dilworth.

The nomination was supported by Eliza Brown Daggett, New York, and by Gertrude B. Davis for the Nebraska delegation.

Nominations were declared closed.

Sarah C. White of Indiana: I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of Convention for Alice C. Dilworth as Chairman National Executive Board. Motion was seconded by Mary L. Gilman, Massachusetts, and Regina Demarest, New York.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, California: I wish to offer an amendment to this motion of the words "and hereafter during this Convention this shall be done without further action of the Convention when there is but one candidate placed in nomination."

National President: I feel that the amendment is unparliamentary.

Mrs. Kinne: It is not, if this Convention so decides. My amendment is that in order to save the time used in making the motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot, that during the rest of this Convention this shall be done without further action of Convention, where there is but one candidate.

Mary L. Gilman: Do I understand that is to be done each time without asking, "Is there one dissenting voice?"

National President: The Chair holds that the amendment offered is unparliamentary, and cannot be considered. The matter is referred to the National Counselor for an opinion.

Lodusky J. Taylor, National Counselor: I think there must be a separate motion made for each candidate.

Regina Demarest, New York: Are we saving time by this discussion?

Sarah C. White, Indiana: I move the previous question.

Regina Demarest, New York, seconded the motion, which was carried.

National President: The question is, shall the Secretary cast the ballot for Alice C. Dilworth as Chairman of the Executive Board.

The motion was unanimously carried, Assistant Secretary cast the ballot, Alice C. Dilworth was declared elected, and was presented from the platform by Eliza Brown Daggett, New York, who said, "Ladies, you don't know what you have done for this woman."

Today is Mrs. Dilworth's birthday, and we have given her this office as a birthday present."

Mrs. Dilworth thanked the Convention for the honor bestowed upon her.

Nominations were declared in order for Second Member of the Executive Board. Adda H. Hall, Michigan, nominated Florence E. Moody, Michigan. This nomination was sustained by Sara L. Brown and Allaseba M. Bliss, both of Michigan. No other nominations being made, the Secretary, on motion of Florence M. Westcott, New York, seconded by Lydia C. Hopkins, Michigan, cast the ballot of Convention for Florence E. Moody, who was declared duly elected to be Second Member of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Moody was presented to the Convention by Adda H. Hall, Michigan, and thanked the delegates for the honor conferred upon her.

Nominations being declared in order for Third Member of the Executive Board, Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President, nominated B. Shelley Hawk, California, stating that she always attended National Conventions. The nomination was supported by Harriette L. Reed, Massachusetts, Armilla A. Cheney, Illinois, and Florence Haynes, Massachusetts. No further nominations were made.

On motion of Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin, seconded by National Senior Vice-President Fannie D. W. Hardin, and Nellie M. Bayless, New York, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for B. Shelley Hawk, who was elected Third Member of the Executive Board.

National President: Nominations are in order for Fourth Member of the Executive Board.

Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President: I think the West is a little encouraged because this Convention has selected some of its officers from western Departments, and I trust you will give them yet another member on the Executive Board. The sisters in the East can form no idea of what the western sisters have to contend with; and having visited Montana as the representative of our National President I know something of the splendid work of that Department, and will ask this Convention to place itself on record as commending their work by selecting their Department President, Katharine H. Moore, as Fourth Member of the Executive Board.

The nomination was supported by Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, and Mary Neilson, Montana. No other nominations being offered, on motion of Lizzie Smith, Oregon, seconded by Emma Ewing Grinnell, Wisconsin, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Moore. This was done and Katharine H. Moore declared elected.

National President: Nominations are in order for Fifth Member of the Executive Board.

Carrie R. Read, Past National President: Mrs. President, I am

anxious that this Convention should bestow the honor of Fifth Member on the Executive Board upon Missouri. You have no idea with what the Relief Corps in the border State Departments have to contend. At the first they would not consent for us to raise flags over the school-houses, but through the faithful work of our members in those Departments that is all a thing of the past. Now I desire to nominate for Fifth Member of the Executive Board our first Department Secretary in Missouri, the woman who has done much to bring up the record of our work in her Department, and who is now our Department President, Mary M. Stark.

The nomination was seconded by Antoinette Hoyt, New York, Florence Haynes, Massachusetts, Eunice S. Snedeker, Missouri.

There being no further nominations, on motion of Ella B. Craft, New York, seconded by Harriette L. Reed, Massachusetts, the Assistant Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of Convention for Mrs. Stark. This was done and Mary M. Stark declared duly elected Fifth Member of the Executive Board.

The Third, Fourth and Fifth Members of the Executive Board were then presented to the Convention, each being introduced by the member who had placed her in nomination.

B. Shelley Hawk: Ladies, I thank you. As I came the long journey of 3,000 miles to attend this Convention, Mrs. Kinne said to me, "Now, B. Shelley, hold your breath and sit quiet." I did sit quiet, and I held my breath, and I thank you for the honor that you have given me.

Katharine H. Moore: Ladies, I thank you for the honor you have given me and given Montana. Away out there, scattered as we are, you will find us ready to work.

Mary M. Stark: Ladies, I think you have heard it said that you have to "show" Missouri. Now Missouri is trying to show you what she can accomplish along patriotic lines. I wish I had the time to tell you about one of our flag presentations, but realize that there is much work before the Convention. I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to this responsible position.

It was announced that the ladies of the church in which Convention was being held would provide supper at twenty-five cents each if the delegates wished to remain at the church.

Emma K. McCammon, Ohio: I move that we accept the invitation to tea. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth J. Evans, Ohio, was carried, and those expecting to remain were counted for the convenience of the hostesses.

Mary L. Gilman, Chairman of Committee on Rules and Regulations, stated that she had been elected to serve three years, but felt obliged to resign the position on account of her health. She stated

that as Mary L. Carr's term of office as a member of the Committee expired this year, she though it would be wise to retain Mrs. Carr on the Committee and suggested that she be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Eliza Brown Daggett, New York: I move that we accept the resignation of Mrs. Gilman with regret.

The motion was seconded by Alice S. Pike, Indiana, and carried.

Carrie R. Read, Past National President: I nominate Mary L. Carr to serve on the Committee during the remainder of the term for which Mrs. Gilman was elected.

The nomination was seconded by Fannie D. W. Hardin, Colorado and Wyoming, and by Lizzie Smith for the Oregon delegation. No further nominations being presented, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot on motion of Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin, seconded by Ida S. McBride, Indiana. This was done and Mary L. Carr was declared elected Chairman of Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations.

National President: Nominations are in order for Third Member of the Committee.

Augusta A. Wales, Massachusetts: I wish to nominate for Third Member of the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations our retiring President, Jennie Iowa Berry. The National Senior Vice-President assumed the Chair.

The nomination was seconded by Ida Shotts Pentreath, New York, and Jennie L. Jones, Utah. No further nominations being presented, it was moved by Lena T. Ring, Iowa, seconded by Regina Demarest, New York, that the Secretary cast the ballot. The motion was carried, Secretary cast the ballot and Jennie Iowa Berry was declared elected Third Member of the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Sarah E. Phillips, New York, Chairman, read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF ANDERSONVILLE PRISON BOARD.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: Your Committee on the Report of the Chairman of Andersonville Prison Board respectfully submit the following: We cheerfully commend the faithful and conscientious work accomplished by the Chairman of this Board, and appreciate her earnest efforts to perform the duties and meet the responsibilities of her position. All needed repairs have been made under her supervision, and we were enabled to turn the property over to the government in excellent condition. Truly she has worn the mantle which fell from the shoulders of "Our Elizabeth" right royally.

Referring to Recommendation No. 1 of the report, I will read the article preceding it:

"To make and keep our country great and strong, education must go hand in hand with patriotism; and as the Woman's Relief Corps transfers to the United States Government her sacred trust of preserving the hallowed spot where thousands suffered martyrdom because of their patriotism, what more fitting use could be made of a part of the fund, set aside for Andersonville Prison Park, than to use it to encourage this grand moral sentiment? The Memorial University, located in the geographical center of the United States and dedicated to the veterans and loyal women of 1861-65 is only in its infancy and needs our patriotic and loving support. We now have the opportunity of helping to build this living monument to a size 'as big as the biggest.'"

While we recognize the loyal efforts of the Sons of Veterans in the establishment of Memorial University, and gladly supplement their work by annual and generous contributions, yet for the next few years the living veterans and their devoted helpers must be our first care. Your Committee therefore does not approve of Recommendation No. 1. Recommendation No. 2 was withdrawn by the Chairman of the Board. Recommendation No. 3 is in the hands of Committee on Revision of Rules and Regulations.

The following recommendations are offered by your Committee:

1. That the amount remaining in Andersonville Permanent Fund, \$6,011, be held as special funds in our treasury as follows: \$3,000 for the Grand Army of the Republic, subject to any call by the Commander-in-Chief for aid for needy veterans.

2. As there are yet many worthy and noble army nurses who do not receive pensions, and by reason of advanced age cannot provide for themselves the comforts they need and rightfully deserve at our hands, that we hold in our treasury \$2,000 for distribution among them for immediate needs, to be paid out, after due investigation, by our National Treasurer under instructions by our National President.

3. That \$1,000 be appropriated for a memorial tablet to be erected at Andersonville, on which shall be inscribed the source from which the government received its sacred trust of that hallowed ground.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

SARAH E. PHILLIPS, New York, *Chairman*,
FLORENCE H. GATES, Vermont,
ANNIE E. NOYES, Wisconsin,
FLORENCE HAYNES, Massachusetts,
IDA E. PALMER, Illinois,

Committee.

Sara L. Brown, Michigan: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee with the proviso that the recommendations be acted upon *seriatim*.

Motion was seconded by Clara A. Lukens, South Dakota, and carried.

Mrs. Phillips then read the first recommendation of her Committee.

Mrs. Kinne inquired if a motion to adopt would include all these recommendations.

National President: We are to consider the recommendations separately.

Lena T. Ring: Do not the recommendations made by the Chairman of the Board come up for consideration before the recommendations made by the Committee on her report?

Sarah E. Phillips: The Committee do not approve of the recommendation of the Chairman and offer a substitute recommendation.

Sarah D. Winans: Mrs. President, is it not always customary to allow the Convention to at least act upon a recommendation made by the Chairman of a committee?

National President: Will Mrs. Brown please state the intent of her motion?

Sara L. Brown: In making the motion to adopt the report of the Committee I certainly had no idea to exclude the report of the Chairman of the Board. My motion was to consider the recommendations *seriatim*, and that meant both the recommendations presented by the Chairman and by the Committee.

As the recommendations of the Committee reporting were not, in the report, named as a substitute recommendation, work was taken up in accordance with the intent of Mrs. Brown's motion.

Susie H. Carver, New York: As I understand it the Committee do not approve of Recommendation No. 1 of the Chairman of the Board, and I move that this Convention sustain the action of Committee on the report.

Motion was seconded by Lydia C. Hopkins, Michigan, and carried.

Mrs. Phillips then read the recommendation of her Committee; first, that of the amount remaining in Andersonville Permanent Fund we hold as special funds in our treasury \$3,000 for the Grand Army of the Republic, subject to any call of the Commander-in-Chief for aid for needy veterans.

Clara A. Lukens, South Dakota: I move the adoption of that recommendation of the Committee.

Mary M. North, National Patriotic Instructor: Mrs. President, I wish to go on record as seconding the motion to adopt that recommendation. I am heartily in favor of using our money to help the veterans who need our assistance.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: If there is anything on earth that the Woman's Relief Corps can do for the Grand Army of the Republic we are going to do it, and I am heartily in favor of this recommendation.

Question was called for, put to vote and carried.

Sarah E. Phillips: The second recommendation of the Committee is: "As there are yet many worthy and noble army nurses who do not receive pensions, and by reason of advanced age cannot provide for themselves the comforts they need and rightfully deserve at our hands, we hold in our treasury \$2,000 for distribution among them for immediate needs, to be paid out, after due investigation, by our National Treasurer under instruction by our National President."

Adda H. Hall, Department President of Michigan: I move the adoption of that recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Lizzie Belle Cross, California, and stated.

Isabel Worrell Ball: Is this not an unusual recommendation? It seems to me there should be some sort of protection thrown around the appropriation. How is the National Treasurer to know who are worthy? She has not the time to make the investigations.

Sarah E. Phillips: Perhaps the lady did not hear fully the recommendation. The money is to be paid only under the instructions of the National President.

Isabel Worrell Ball: The National President must approve all bills before they are paid.

Charlotte E. Wright, National Treasurer: I do not pay any thing until ordered to do so, as our Rules and Regulations provide.

Mary L. Carr: There has been a question asked. Is this amount of money to be given to the army nurses in addition to the \$20.00 voted them at Christmas time?

Charlotte E. Wright, National Treasurer: We have a list of army nurses to whom the \$20.00 as a Christmas gift is directed to be sent.

Armilla A. Cheney, Past National Treasurer: The Department Presidents recommend the army nurses to whom the Christmas gift is sent. As I understand the recommendation, this matter is left entirely to the discretion of the National President.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: The Army Nurses' Association have a classified list as to who receive pensions and who do not. How is our National President to seek out those not drawing pensions and distribute this money justly to those who need it? It seems to me we are placing a heavy burden upon some one.

There were calls of "Question, question!" The motion was put and carried.

Mrs. Phillips then read the third recommendation of the Committee, "that \$1,000 be appropriated for a memorial tablet to be erected at

Andersonville Prison Park, on which shall be inscribed the source from which the government received its sacred trust of that hallowed ground."

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President: I move the adoption of that recommendation.

Motion was seconded by Laura W. Willow, Pennsylvania.

Augusta A. Wales, Massachusetts: Mrs. President, I would like to go on record as seconding this recommendation, that our records may show it indorsed by a member of the Department of the woman who was the prime mover in our first work for Andersonville Prison Park.

The motion was carried.

Mrs. Phillips: The second recommendation found in the report of the Chairman of the Andersonville Prison Board has been withdrawn by the Chairman. The third recommendation is in the hands of Mrs. Gilman, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Rules and Regulations.

Ida S. McBride, Indiana: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee as a whole. Motion was seconded by Jennie S. Wiscombe, Washington and Alaska, and carried.

Sarah E. Phillips, Chairman, then presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON W.R.C. HISTORY.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: Your Committee on W.R.C. History respectfully submit the following report:

In accordance with Decision No. 23 of the Twenty-seventh National Convention, 500 copies, each, of the Journals of the Sixth and Seventh National Conventions have been reprinted during the year, and 100 copies of Volume II, comprising the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Journals, have been bound in cloth and distributed under the direction of the National President.

As it will be necessary to reprint but four more Journals to complete the series, viz., the Ninth, the Sixteenth, the Seventeenth and the Twenty-second, your Committee would make the following recommendations:

Recommendation No. 1. That 500 copies of the above-mentioned National Journals be reprinted; the first two copies to be delivered in 1911, and the remaining two in 1912.

Recommendation No. 2. That 100 copies, each, of Volumes III, IV and V be bound this next year and distributed under the direction of the National President.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

SARAH E. PHILLIPS, New York, *Chairman,*

HARRIET J. BODGE, Connecticut,

MARY L. CARR, Colorado,

Committee.

On motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Eunice S. Snedeker of Missouri, the report was adopted as read.

Sarah E. Phillips: I thank you, ladies, for this action.

The Guard announced a Committee on Greetings from the Ladies of the G.A.R. to be at the door and their admittance was ordered.

The visitors were escorted into the room by Conductors and Color Bearers and presented to the National President, who directed that they be escorted to the platform, and then introduced to the Convention Florence Wallace, Maine, National Chaplain; Hattie Williams, Kansas, member of National Council, and Julia A. Shade, Pennsylvania, Past National President Ladies of G.A.R.

Julia A. Shade: Sister President and sisters of this grand association of patriotic women, I do not know how often I have had this privilege of bearing you the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army and am glad that I am again privileged to bid you Godspeed. You have sent us greetings, and the words are so inspiring that they are still fresh in our minds as I say God be with you and give you strength to continue your grand work.

Mrs. Shade presented the National President, Mrs. Berry, with a badge from Della R. Henry, National President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., with an assurance from Mrs. Henry as to her appreciation of their association during the year. Mrs. Berry made appropriate response, returning the compliment of the badge in kind.

Florence Wallace: As National Chaplain of the Ladies of the Grand Army, I come to bear you our greetings. I have been associated with you many times in our work in Maine and I fully realize that there is plenty of work for us both to do, each in our own individual way.

Hattie Williams: It is a great pleasure to me to visit your Convention, Sister Berry. During the year we have become acquainted; and I think we both realize that we have a large field in which to work. I wish to join hands with your newly elected President, who comes from my own State of Kansas, and to present her with this badge from our President.

Belle C. Harris,, National President-elect, came to the platform, thanked the lady as she pinned the badge upon her and said: "Mrs. Williams and I worked side by side at one time in Kansas and I appreciate this expression of her good will."

National President: I have requested Isabel Worrell Ball, the daughter of a soldier who served in the Civil War, to respond to the words of greeting from the Ladies of the Grand Army.

Isabel Worrell Ball: I am always proud to be referred to as the daughter of a soldier. At one time I was a member of Mrs. Shade's Circle in Philadelphia and am now a member of a Circle in Washington,

D.C. We of the Woman's Relief Corps feel that we belong to the veterans of the Grand Army and that our hearts beat for them just as loyally as do the hearts of those who are related to them by ties of blood. It is a noble work that both of us are engaged in, that of showering upon the survivors of the Civil War our love, homage and reverence. Upon that ground we can all shake hands.

The visitors were presented with badges and escorted from the room.

Geraldine E. Frisbie, Chairman of Committee on Greetings to the Ladies of the G.A.R., gave a verbal report of the visit of the Committee and the cordial welcome received. The report was adopted on motion of Lizzie Smith, Oregon, seconded by Eliza A. Patten, New Hampshire.

Florence Haynes, Department President of Massachusetts, presented the National President with a beautiful cut glass vase, saying, "We wish you to take this to your home and place a few flowers in it in memory of your co-workers from Massachusetts."

National President: Mrs. Haynes, I thank you and Massachusetts many times over. You have ever been kind to me and I surely appreciate this added evidence of your good will.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: The Committee on Appeals is ready to report.

National President: Will the Senior Vice-President please take the Chair?

The National Senior Vice-President, Fannie D. W. Hardin, presided during the reading of and action upon the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.: Your Committee on Appeals has had under consideration the communications referred to it by the National President in the case of Alexander Hamilton Corps No. 162 of New York City, purporting to be an appeal from the decision of the National President to the National Convention, by the last Past Department President of New York Woman's Relief Corps. All papers in the case have been carefully and impartially reviewed by the Committee.

We have considered the statements made in the papers of the voluminous correspondence presented, and it is the opinion of the Committee that in the procedure there was not one regular step taken previous to the present Department administration.

In the Red Book, page 116, it clearly states: "The usages of official correspondence should be most strictly followed by all exercising authority, and appeals as well as all official documents passing

from Corps to Department officers, and from Department to National, or the reverse, should bear thereon the endorsements of officers through whose hands they pass."

The rulings of the National President we find strictly in accordance with the law of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Her review of the papers presented by the Corps, its individual members and the Department President is exhaustive and conclusive; and the Committee unanimously sustain her rulings throughout and concur with her in setting aside the action of the Department President of New York in annulling the ballot of Alexander Hamilton Corps No. 162 of New York City.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MARY L. CARR, Colorado, *Chairman*,
ELIZABETH D'ARCY KINNE, California,
ABBIE A. ADAMS, Nebraska,
AGNES HITT, Indiana,
ISABEL WORRELL BALL, Potomac,
Committee.

Geraldine E. Frisbie, California, moved the adoption of the report of the Committee.

The motion to adopt the report was seconded by Eloise S. Lehow, Colorado and Wyoming; Lena T. Ring, Iowa; Clara L. Brown, New Jersey; Sybil Watson, Colorado and Wyoming; Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President, and Lucie S. Lewis, Minnesota.

Susie H. Carver, New York: I do not wish to be understood as saying one word against the decision of our National President. I believe she decided as she thought the Rules and Regulations required her to, and I believe that our beloved Department President also rendered her decision according to what she believed to be right, and that she did only what she felt to be her duty.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne: Rules and Regulations are above sentiment. We all regret if a decision hurts, as especially in this case, which concerns the wife of a comrade; but we have adopted the Rules and Regulations for the governing of all and all must abide by them.

National Senior Vice-President: The question is upon adoption of the report of the Committee. All in favor please signify by usual voting sign. Contrary by same sign. Carried. The National President has been sustained in her decision in this case.

National President resumed the Chair.

Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Massachusetts, presented the following report which was adopted on motion of Anna I. McCoy, Ohio, seconded by Marie L. Basham of Iowa.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: The Committee on National Inspector's Report submit the following:

We have carefully examined the report and find it most interesting in its details. It shows a thorough appreciation of the work of that office, and we congratulate the Order in having so able a woman as Inspector.

The report is concise and to the point. The three recommendations in the report, having been previously referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, will be presented to the Convention for action through that Committee. Aside from these recommendations we recommend the adoption of the report.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

LUE STUART WADSWORTH, Massachusetts, *Chairman*,
 LENA T. RING, Iowa,
 FLORENCE M. WESTCOTT, New York,
 ALICE C. DILWORTH, Nebraska,
 ANNIE M. SPARMAKER, New Jersey,

Committee.

Eloise S. Lehow, Colorado and Wyoming, read the following report, which was adopted on motion of Anna Patterson, Illinois, seconded by Mary M. Stark, Missouri:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHIEF OF STAFF'S REPORT.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: Your Committee has carefully examined the report of the Chief of Staff and find it concise, showing a large amount of work done along all lines for the advancement of our noble Order. We take pleasure in commending her work.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

SARAH E. FULTON, New York, *Chairman*,
 ELOISE S. LEHOW, Colorado and Wyoming,
 LILAH D. LINDSEY, Oklahoma,
 MARY J. OSBORNE, South Dakota,
 EDNA L. JEWETT, Vermont,

Committee.

Dorcas H. Lyman, Massachusetts, presented the following report, which was adopted on motion of Sybil Watson, Colorado and Wyoming, and seconded by Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL COUNSELOR'S REPORT.

Mrs. President, Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: We, the Committee on the National Counselor's Report, do hereby submit our report. We have carefully read the questions which have been brought before the National Counselor for her consideration, and fully realize that she has given them much thought, all of which have been settled as our laws so interpreted.

We commend her for the faithful discharge of the duties of her office, and congratulate the National President upon having had a real helpmeet during the year.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

DORCAS H. LYMAN, Massachusetts, *Chairman*,
SARAH D. WINANS, Ohio,
MARIE L. BASHAM, Iowa,
ALFARETTA M. DEVINE, Pennsylvania,
LUCIE S. LEWIS, Minnesota,

Committee.

By suggestion of the National President, Convention rose and sang one verse of "America," the song affording a brief change from the steady stream of business.

National Senior Vice-President presided during the presentation by Harriet J. Bodge of the report of the Committee on National President's Address.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Mrs. President, and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: The Committee appointed on Address of the National President submit the following report: We feel that the time since receiving it has been too short to give the careful thought which is due the clear statement of events and progress of the work of the Order during this most successful year.

We congratulate the National President upon the results of the year's labor of love, and that she has found more victory than defeat, more joy than sorrow.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

We also congratulate her, and our Order, upon the evidence shown during the entire year of the strong, staunch coöperation of the Grand Army of the Republic.

ARMY NURSES.

The time is short in which to show our appreciation of these dear women and we cannot do too much for them.

SONS OF VETERANS AND DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

We are glad to note the pleasant relation existing between these organizations and the National President; being the daughter of a veteran herself, made the tie a close one. We fully indorse her sentiment as regards the Ladies' Aid, auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER, DEPARTMENTS AND DETACHED CORPS.

All share in the joy of the National President in the very marked increase in the membership of our Order. Departments show renewed vigor, and Detached Corps the results of special care.

FINANCES.

We have a full treasury, and as some burdens have been lifted, we suggest that in our legislation for the future we remember the small Departments, and in some measure lift their burdens.

WORK OF THE YEAR AND CORRESPONDENCE.

These two show that the time, thought and careful study that the varied work and voluminous correspondence demand were freely given.

APPEALS.

It is to the credit of our Order that only one appeal has reached National Headquarters, this showing that controversies have been settled where they rightly belong, at home.

ORGANIZATION.

The work under this head shows a wise appreciation of the funds appropriated for this purpose.

INSPECTION AND PATRIOTIC EDUCATION.

We congratulate the National President that the officers having this work in charge have by their labor shown the wisdom of her appointments.

ANDERSONVILLE.

What tender memories come to us with the name of this holy place! We rejoice that the sacred dust reposing there will have the perpetual care of the United States Government. No words of praise can ever adequately express thanks to the faithful Committee who have been instrumental in bringing this to pass.

SOLDIERS' WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

God speed the day when every veteran's widow shall be counted on the pension roll.

PREVENTION OF DESECRATION OF THE FLAG.

We trust the time will come when this work will have legislative sanction, to give it the place in history which is its due.

W.R.C. HISTORY.

Do we realize the great worth of this History? Let us complete it while those who know it best are yet with us.

HELPMEEET.

A "Helpmeet," indeed, which, when complete, will be of untold worth to incoming officers.

NATIONAL AIDES.

We note with joy the increase in membership, due largely to the earnest work of these, who thus show their appreciation of the honor of wearing the "yellow ribbon."

MEMORIAL DAY.

We indorse most heartily the sentiment expressed.

RELIEF.

What a grand motto, "Not for self, but for others."

IN MEMORIAM.

How our hearts sadden as, from year to year, this thought is brought to our notice! How the solemn, tender service brings back to us dear, loved memories of those who have passed to the other side.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN, AND
THE HOME OF FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

are all worthy of the careful, earnest thought which has been given. No one could know better the needs of Memorial University than our National President.

BADGE AND BANNER.

We may indeed feel proud and honored by wearing the Convention badge of 1910.

The handiwork of the beautiful banner, the loving service of a member of the Staff of the National President, is truly in keeping with the "dignity of our Order," and we shall be glad to have its silent greeting, year after year.

GIFTS TO THE ORDER.

These and the tribute to the National President, "a soldier's daughter," show a far-reaching, deep interest in the work of our Order.

OFFICIAL VISITS AND COURTESIES.

These are the safety valves, the flowery hours that come into the administration life, and in Departments a new life springs up because of their encouragement from the visits received.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Another pleasant duty that, in recording, brings happy thoughts of the kind words and thoughtful help given during the year.

CONCLUSION.

We give hearty approval of the conscientious work which has been given—strength, time and best thought,—to the uplifting, upbuilding of our beloved Order.

Recommendation No. 1 approved by the Committee.

Recommendation No. 2 in the hands of the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Recommendation No. 3 in hands of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Recommendation No. 4 approved by the Committee.

Recommendation No. 5 approved by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

HARRIET J. BODGE, Connecticut, *Chairman*,
SARAH E. FULLER, Massachusetts,
MARY L. GILMAN, Massachusetts,
JENNIE L. WHEDON, Iowa,
MARGARET F. HINMAN, Iowa, *Committee*.

Addie E. Unangst, Iowa, moved the adoption of the report. Motion was seconded by Cora M. Davis, Oregon, Sarah A. Reed, New Jersey, and Ella Miller, Kansas.

National Senior Vice-President: The motion did not state whether the recommendations be acted upon separately. As one recommendation has already been acted upon, and two are in the hands of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, that only leaves two to consider at this time.

Mrs. Unangst: I will include in my motion that the recommendations be considered separately.

The seconds assenting, the motion was so stated and carried.

Report of Committee on Recommendation No. 4 of the National President's Address was adopted on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Eliza Brown Daggett, New York.

Report of Committee on Recommendation No. 5 of the National President's Address was adopted on motion of Ella B. Craft, New York, seconded by Sarah M. Wilkins, Oklahoma.

The report of the Committee was adopted as a whole on motion of Helen A. Sills, Colorado and Wyoming, seconded by Flora S. Wilson, Colorado and Wyoming.

Anna Patterson, Department President of Illinois, then presented a package to Florence O. McClelland, Chairman of the Executive Board, saying she had been requested to do so by Mrs. McClelland's own Corps. Upon being opened it was found that the package contained a beautiful necklace with amethyst pendant. Mrs. McClelland was overcome by this remembrance on the part of her home Corps, and said, "I thought that I had received the best that could be given me, but this is the best that has ever come to me, — this loving surprise planned by the sisters of my own Columbia Corps of Chicago."

Harriet J. Bodge: I wish to at this time thank the ladies who sent me postal cards upon my birthday. It was indeed a "shower," and I certainly appreciate the kindly thoughts that prompted them.

Lodusky J. Taylor spoke of the fact that Mrs. Robert B. Beath of Philadelphia is making a collection of pictures of Episcopal churches of America, and suggested that delegates might send her views of such churches in their home towns.

The National President resumed the Chair and called for the Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Abbie Lynch, Chairman, Pennsylvania, read the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C.: Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following:

Upon examination of the Resolutions offered we find that the greater number properly belong to the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations, therefore, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56 have been referred to that Committee.

Resolution No. 12 not approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 15 referred to Committee on Report of Andersonville Prison Board.

Resolution No. 16 withdrawn.

Resolution No. 17 not approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 18 approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 19 approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 23 not approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 24 not approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 25 not approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 28 not approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 35 approved by the Committee, excepting third paragraph, which is covered by report of Committee on Prevention of Desecration of the Flag.

Resolution No. 39 withdrawn.

Resolution No. 43 approved by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

ABBIE LYNCH, Pennsylvania, *Chairman,*

AGNES HITT, Indiana,

REGINA DEMAREST, New York,

ISABEL WORRELL BALL, Potomac,

ELIZABETH P. SAWYER, Massachusetts,

Committee.

Belle C. Harris, Kansas: I move that the report be adopted, and the Resolutions considered *seriatim*. Motion was seconded by Mattie J. Baird, Washington and Alaska. Carried.

The National Senior Vice-President assumed the chair.

Mary L. Gilman: In order to save further time in Convention, let me say that Resolution No. 12, which the Committee state that they have not approved, rightfully belongs to the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations. Resolution No. 17 also belongs to the same Committee.

Resolutions Nos. 12 and 17 were referred accordingly.

RESOLUTION No. 18.

That we do all in our power to secure such adequate pension legislation in Congress as will house, clothe and protect our veterans in their old age and give just and adequate pensions to their surviving widows.

Approved by the Committee.

Action of Committee sustained on motion of Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin, seconded by Gertrude P. Davis, Nebraska.

RESOLUTION No. 19.

That the bill to pension soldiers' widows now pending in the United States Senate is just and equitable, and we unite in asking its immediate passage.

Approved by the Committee.

Action of Committee sustained on motion of Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President; seconded by Eliza P. Emerson, New Hampshire, who stated that she knew there were soldiers' widows who could draw no pension because married just a few months prior to June 1, 1890.

Resolution No. 23, relating to the establishment of homes for helpless and incurably diseased wives, widows and daughters of soldiers, sailors and marines (page 262), was not approved by the Committee, and Sarah E. Phillips, New York, seconded by Alfaretta M. De Vine, Pennsylvania, moved to sustain the action of the Committee.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: You will remember that the Woman's Relief Corps at one time had such a home as this Resolution mentions and found that it was totally unnecessary, as the mothers of sons amply able to care for their mothers, the sisters of brothers who had abundance, were the ones who sought admission. In time this Home was turned over to the State of Ohio.

Sarah D. Winans, Past National President: Should the Relief Corps wish the property back, I know the State of Ohio will gladly deed it back to them.

Anna Patterson, Department President of Illinois: I think this is purely a State affair, but we wished the encouragement of the National Woman's Relief Corps in securing its establishment.

Agnes Hitt, Past National President: I feel that the National organization of the Woman's Relief Corps cannot lend its support to such a movement. Each State must take care of its own. In Indiana we have a Home where the veteran and his wife may go and be cared for.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President: I am proud to say that California provides for the widow and the orphan of soldiers.

Ida Wilson Moore, Kansas: I think you recall the fact that Kansas had her experience with the Mother Bickerdyke Home, which we are glad the State has annexed.

Ada G. Mohr, New York: New York takes splendid care of her widows and orphans of soldiers.

The action of Committee in not approving the Resolution was sustained by Convention.

RESOLUTION No. 24.

That the National Woman's Relief Corps support the Chair of Applied Patriotism in Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, and urge all Departments to concentrate their efforts for its success.

Not approved by the Committee.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President, moved that report of Committee be adopted. Motion was seconded by Lizzie Smith of Oregon.

Marie L. Basham, Iowa: Before we vote upon this motion we should consider the entire motive of the Resolution. It does not ask you to make any sacrifice. It asks only your approval. We do ask you to consider favorably the Chair of Applied Patriotism, and to urge the members of all Departments to concentrate their efforts for the success of this Chair.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: What will this Chair of Applied Patriotism cost. There is no amount stated.

Mrs. Basham: There is no fixed amount. You may contribute \$10 or \$1,000, as you think best. If this school lives, and we think it will, who can estimate the value this Chair of Applied Patriotism will be to this nation?

Mary L. Carr: Are we not having applied patriotism in the public schools of this country without establishing "Chairs" for it? Is not

every Corps Patriotic Instructor expected to see that patriotism is taught in our public schools?

Isabel Worrell Ball: I think that the consensus of opinion of this Convention, and I have talked to most of the delegates on this subject, is that our Patriotic Instructors are doing this work in the public schools. The Woman's Relief Corps must go straight ahead in its work of caring for the veterans. The Grand Army are losing out. Death is thinning their ranks so that it is hard for Posts to hold together and their national finances are failing. We must look after their national organization as well as help our local Posts. As long as there is a survivor of the Civil War left, all the energies of my life shall be devoted to his welfare and comfort, and when he is laid to rest I may then turn my attention to Chairs of Applied Patriotism, but not before.

Abbie A. Adams, Past National President: Perhaps Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Ball have spoken strongly on this subject, but I feel very much as they do. There is another point also for us to consider. The Sons of Veterans are the working men of this nation today, and if they desire a Chair of Applied Patriotism let them support it; they are far better able to endow it than we. It seems to me there should be a Chair of Applied Patriotism in every home. Every mother should instruct her children to love their country and every act of charity is also applied patriotism. I am in favor of Memorial University, but I am in favor of keeping on in the straight and narrow path of our motto, of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. If we wish to perpetuate ourselves by founding Chairs in colleges let us do it in our individual names, but by all means keep the funds of the Woman's Relief Corps sacred to the Union veteran and his dependent ones.

Emma K. McCammon, Ohio: Mrs. President, are we not also pledged to "inculcate lessons of patriotism?" Ohio has contributed largely to Memorial University. This year we gave \$250 and we voted at our last Department Convention to take out a scholarship.

"Question," was called.

Sue Browning, Iowa: Before Lincoln died he expressed a wish that the children of the people in the mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky might receive an education. In founding schools and helping to support them we are but carrying out the wishes of Abraham Lincoln. A daughter of the Confederacy said, "If we in the South are to teach our children, we will teach them what we believe." Ladies, I ask you to make the best use you can of the little fund that we have on hand for educational purposes. The various Departments are putting money into the Memorial University because most of them are in favor of it. It has received the indorsement of the National Relief Corps and why should we not concentrate our efforts and put

all that money to the one use, and this Chair of Applied Patriotism will go down in history not as the work of one Department but of the loyal, patriotic women all over the United States.

"Question," "Question," was called.

The Chair put the question, which was to sustain the action of the Committee in not approving of the Resolution, and announced that the Committee had been sustained.

Florence O. McClelland: I call for a rising vote.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: It is too late.

National Senior Vice-President: With the consent of Convention the Chair will ask for a rising vote.

Mrs. Ball: There must be a unanimous consent to take the vote after the result has been declared, and I object.

Ida Wilson Moore, Kansas: As I voted in the affirmative, I now give notice that after the consideration of the next Resolution I shall move to reconsider Resolution No. 24.

The National President resumed the chair.

Resolution No. 25 was claimed by the Committee on Rules and Regulations and turned over to that Committee.

Resolution No. 35 (page 265), approved by Committee except 'ast clause in third paragraph, already covered by report of Committee on Prevention of Desecration of the Flag.

In this Resolution the Department of Ohio asked National Convention to unite with them in the indorsement of certain measures. In order that all might vote intelligently, each measure was taken up separately, after the Preamble had been tabled on motion of Frances Turpin, New York, seconded by Ada G. Mohr, New York.

Charlotte D. Davidson, Ohio: Mrs. President, I wish to state that it was the intention of the Department of Ohio to submit these as separate resolutions. There has been some mistake in the manner in which they were printed. We adopted them as separate resolutions.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on the clause regarding pensions, beginning at "we," leaving out the word "therefore," and also the part relating to veterans' pensions.

Ada G. Mohr, New York: I second the motion to adopt.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne: Is not that part about the time limit covered by the action on Resolution 19?

Sarah E. Phillips, New York: If that is covered, so is the other part of this same phrase by Resolution 18.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: I feel that we should emphasize the removal of the time limit on widows' pensions.

Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin: We older women do not feel that the younger women are entitled to the same pension as the war widows.

Emma Ewing Grinnell, Wisconsin: I do not feel that way. There are women in Idaho who have married soldiers so feeble that they have to put the food into their mouths. They take care of them in their old age and they are entitled to a pension.

Motion was put to vote and carried.

The report of Committee on the second paragraph, relative to Flag Day being observed by a special hour, was laid upon the table on motion of Nettie McGowan, seconded by Florence O. McClelland.

Lois M. Knauff: I think this Resolution was intended to apply to the Department of Ohio only, and do not understand how it came to be included with those sent to National Convention. In Ohio we have our Department Conventions on Flag Day, and usually observe it by presenting a flag to the high school of the city in which Convention is held.

On motion of Lois M. Knauff, Ohio, seconded by Anna I. McCoy, Ohio, the last paragraph of Resolution No. 35 was laid upon the table.

Ida Wilson Moore, Kansas, seconded by Eloise S. Lehow, Colorado and Wyoming, moved that Resolution No. 24 be reconsidered.

A rising vote was taken and the votes were counted, showing 96 for reconsideration and 77 against.

National President: The motion is carried and the report of the Committee on Resolution 24 is before you.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: Mrs. President, it takes a two-thirds vote to reconsider.

National President: The Chair stands corrected and the motion is lost.

Resolution No. 43 was approved by the Committee. This Resolution concerned the placing of Flags in the Sunday Schools of our country by the Woman's Relief Corps, and action of Committee was sustained on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Kate L. Gledhill, New York.

Resolution No. 28 (page 263) not approved by the Committee.

Moved by Mary L. Carr, Colorado and Wyoming, seconded by Alfaretta M. DeVine, Pennsylvania, that action of Committee be sustained.

Frank Hubbard, Illinois: I am glad that we have a chance to consider this Resolution, for I think half of the delegates did not understand just how they were voting in regard to the other Resolution on Memorial University. You will all agree that we have had enough oratory on the subject. The question is, Do or do we not wish to endow the Chair of Applied Patriotism? If we vote for the motion as it stands, it is to reject the Resolution, and when this vote is taken I request that there be a rising vote.

Marie L. Basham, Iowa: You are not binding yourselves by voting to endow a chair of patriotism; you are only lending your influence to a good movement, one in which the Relief Corps is already engaged, that of teaching patriotism.

Augusta A. Wales, Massachusetts: The word "endow" means to support, to pay all expenses, and is unfortunate in this instance, for if we vote to "endow" this Chair, it binds us to raise money for a specific purpose.

Isabel Worrell Ball: I rise for information. Has not this Convention already tabled this Resolution?

National President: Not this, but a Resolution resembling it.

Mary L. Carr, Past National President, moved that the question be laid upon the table. Motion was seconded by Allie Maxfield, Washington and Alaska, and was carried.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted as a whole, on motion of Alice S. Pike, Indiana, seconded by Lilah D. Lindsey, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Lynch was then presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by the Department of Pennsylvania, and expressed her appreciation of the gift.

The National President was requested to give the gesture which accompanies the flag salute.

National President: No gesture accompanies the flag salute.

The National President asked whether Convention desired to prolong the present session until business was finished or to hold an evening session.

Isabel Worrell Ball: We will do whatever the President wants us to, either continue this session or hold an evening session.

National President: Your President will do whatever the Convention wishes done.

Augusta A. Wales, Massachusetts: I do not think it just to our President, who has presided over us so efficiently and patiently all day, to ask her to preside during the remainder of the work before us without an interval of rest.

National President: I feel, ladies, you will legislate more wisely if you will go home and come back at eight o'clock.

On motion of Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President, seconded by Jennie L. Jones, Utah, the Convention adjourned until eight o'clock in the evening.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION — SEPTEMBER 23.

Convention was called to order at eight o'clock by National Senior Vice-President, under whose direction the password was taken by Conductors. Prayer was offered by the National Counselor, Lodusky J. Taylor.

The National President assumed the chair.

National Secretary Georgia Wade McClellan read

MINUTES OF FIRST COUNCIL MEETING.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, August 14, 1909.

Council was called to order at 9.30 A.M., in Room No. 252, Kenyon Hotel, by the National President, Jennie Iowa Berry. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison.

The following responded to roll-call:

<i>National President</i>	Jennie Iowa Berry.
<i>National Senior Vice-President</i>	Fannie D. W. Hardin.
<i>National Junior Vice-President</i>	Jennie Lillian Jones
<i>National Secretary</i>	Georgia Wade McClellan.
<i>National Treasurer</i>	Charlotte E. Wright.
<i>National Chaplain</i>	Clara L. Campbell.
<i>National Inspector</i>	Cora M. Davis.
<i>National Instituting and Installing Officer</i>	Marie L. Basham.
<i>National Patriotic Instructor</i>	Mary M. North.
<i>National Press Correspondent</i>	Margaret Garey Wright.
<i>Chairman Executive Board</i>	Florence O. McClelland.
<i>Member Executive Board</i>	Cora M. Deputy.
<i>Member Executive Board</i>	Clara L. Lake.
<i>Member Executive Board</i>	Alice McEwen.

Past National Presidents present as visitors were Mary L. Carr, Harriet J. Bodge, Mary L. Gilman.

Mary M. North, Chairman Committee on Revision Press Correspondent's Blanks, made report which was accepted on motion of Florence O. McClelland, seconded by Marie L. Basham.

Secretary read communication from Secretary American Flag Protection Association, which, upon motion of Florence O. McClelland, seconded by Margaret Garey Wright, was filed without action.

Communication read from member of the Order in Mississippi, asking aid toward building a church. Moved by Marie L. Basham, seconded by Margaret Garey Wright, that National Secretary reply to communication. Carried.

Mary L. Gilman and Mary L. Carr, Past National Presidents, presented the case of an army nurse, a member of the Woman's Relief

Corps, greatly afflicted and in need. The case was pathetic, and time was taken to consider the best means of giving help. On motion of Florence O. McClelland, seconded by Mary M. North, the sum of fifty dollars was given from Headquarters Relief Fund to Eunice Vipond of Canon City, Colorado, the money to be placed in bank of that city, under the supervision of Clara W. Coulter, Past Department President of Colorado and Wyoming, and to be subject to the check of Mrs. Vipond.

The minutes of National Convention, session of Thursday afternoon, August 12, 1909, were read and approved after correction.

The minutes of National Convention, session of Friday forenoon, August 13, 1909, were read and approved.

The minutes of National Convention, session of Friday afternoon, August 13, 1909, were read by Stella M. Lewis, official stenographer, and approved after careful correction.

Florence O. McClelland presented the thanks of the janitor of the church for the sum voted him by Convention in recognition of services during Convention week.

The National President thanked the members present for their help in carrying on the business of the meeting, and pledged her best efforts for the work of the coming year.

On motion of Cora M. Deputy, properly seconded, Council adjourned, subject to the call of National President. ##

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.¶

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary.

Approved by Convention, on motion by Mary L. Carr, Past National President, seconded by Abbie A. Adams, Past National President.

National Secretary then read

MINUTES OF SECOND COUNCIL MEETING.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., September 20, 1910.

The second meeting of National Council was held in Room 328, Young's Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J., at 10.30 A.M., Tuesday, September 20, 1910.

Council was called to order by the National President, and in the absence of National Chaplain, the National Counselor, Lodusky J. Taylor, led in prayer.

To roll-call the following responded:

<i>National President</i>	Jennie Iowa Berry
<i>National Senior Vice-President</i>	Fannie D. W. Hardin.
<i>National Junior Vice-President</i>	Jennie Lillian Jones.
<i>National Secretary</i>	Georgia Wade McClellan.
<i>National Treasurer</i>	Charlotte E. Wright.
<i>National Inspector</i>	Cora M. Davis.
<i>National Instituting and Installing Officer</i>	Marie L. Basham.
<i>National Patriotic Instructor</i>	Mary M. North.
<i>National Press Correspondent</i>	Margaret Garey Wright.
<i>Life Member Executive Board</i>	Sarah E. Fuller.
<i>Chairman Executive Board</i>	Florence O. McClelland.
<i>Member Executive Board</i>	Clara L. Lake.

Visitors present were Past National Presidents Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Emma Stark Hampton, Agnes Hitt, Harriet J. Bodge, Mary L. Carr, Sarah D. Winans, Abbie A. Adams, Carrie R. Read, Kate E. Jones, Mary L. Gilman.

Moved by Mary M. North that the portion of minutes of First Council Meeting relating to Press Correspondent's blanks be rescinded. Carried.

Secretary stated that Council had voted by letter upon the following questions since last meeting: The presenting to Mary L. Gilman of the desk and chair used by her in office work of her administration; the appropriation of \$50 as an organizing fund for the Department of Oklahoma; the appropriation of \$150 as a Headquarters organizing fund, to be expended under direction of National President, Secretary and Treasurer; the appropriation of \$15 for extra help in National Treasurer's office during her husband's illness; the recommendation of Sarah D. Winans as a member of the Board of Regents of Memorial University, such to entail neither expense nor responsibility upon the Order; the appropriation of \$25.10 for the purchase of new Headquarters banner. Each proposition was favorably acted upon and carried out.

National Secretary reported having issued a duplicate charter to B. C. Lincoln Corps No. 2, of Florida, in lieu of original, destroyed by storm of October 10, 1909. Action approved by Council.

National President submitted letter from the Department President of Tennessee regarding attempt of certain members to surrender the charter of Corps No. 2, Chattanooga, together with her decision, protecting the life of the charter. Lodusky J. Taylor moved action of President be sustained. Seconded by Jennie L. Jones, and carried.

National President stated the case of a soldier's widow in needy circumstances, residing outside the jurisdiction of a Corps. After full discussion it was moved by Florence O. McClelland, seconded by Marie L. Basham, that an appropriation of fifty dollars be made from Headquarters Relief Fund for the benefit of Mrs. Salome Van Osdol

of Scranton, Miss., the same to be placed in the Peoples' Bank of Pascagoula, Miss., under supervision of Judge Charles Chidsey, director, subject to checks in small amounts presented by Mrs. Van Osdol. The motion prevailed.

Kate E. Jones, Chairman Committee on Transfer of Andersonville Prison Property, made a condensed verbal report of work done in connection with transfer, reading official papers pertaining to same.

By special permission, Abbie A. Adams, Past National President, read to Council, by request of the Committee of members of the Grand Army framing them, the following Preamble and Resolution:

WHEREAS, It has been recommended by certain regular army officers and suggested even by comrades of the Grand Army, who, knowing nothing of the conditions, surroundings and treatment of their comrades in the National Home by the Board of Managers, past and present, who for forty-four years have without compensation, except for the president and secretary of the board, been responsible for the command and care of the Home; and

WHEREAS, During the forty-four years more than 200,000 of our comrades have been treated through sickness and distress, clothed, fed and cared for at the Home without any complaint worthy of our consideration, save the late complaint from the Pacific branch, promptly investigated and found groundless by Past Commander-in-Chief Nevius; and

WHEREAS, We regard the care and management of the Home of vital interest to the Grand Army of the Republic, who stand for friendship, charity and loyalty to their comrades, especially now in the afternoon of their lives, when without the generous aid of our government these veteran comrades would be looking out of almshouse windows on the country they helped to save; and

WHEREAS, The reports of the regular army inspecting officers annually detailed to make complete and careful inspection of the Home, covering sanitary conditions, ration supply, treatment of the men, their comfort and care, and reports of our own Committee also show that under the present management by a Board elected by the Congress, all of whom are veterans of the Civil War, our old comrades in arms are happy and contented and are treated with kindly and sympathetic consideration, and that the affairs of the Home are efficiently and economically managed,—therefore be it

Resolved, That we protest against any attempt being made to transfer the management of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to regular army officers, or to change it in any way.

Careful and favorable attention was given the reading of this Resolution, Mrs. Adams stating that when acted upon by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic she would present it for the indorsement of National Convention.

On motion of Lodusky J. Taylor, seconded by Florence O. McClelland, Council adjourned to meet at 1.30 P.M., in Parlor A, Young's Hotel.

Business was resumed by Council at appointed hour and place.

The following Resolution, prepared by Kate E. Jones and presented to Council by Lodusky J. Taylor, was read:

Resolved, That the National Council of the Woman's Relief Corps, in executive session assembled, do hereby ratify the action of the Committee appointed by the National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, in the execution of the final transfer deeds conveying the Andersonville Prison property to the United States Government, and further authorize this Committee to pay all expenses necessary to complete the work.

Resolution was adopted on motion of Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Hardin and indorsed by the eight Past National Presidents present, — Madams Kinne, Hampton, Hitt, Carr, Bodge, Winans, Adams and Jones, — and a copy, signed by the National President and National Secretary and bearing the official seal of the Woman's Relief Corps, was transmitted to the Government with the final deeds of transfer.

National President stated briefly the main facts regarding a case of appeal from the decision of the Department President of New York, which decision she had felt obliged by our laws to reverse. The Council, after careful consideration, voted unanimously to sustain the National President in her decision, a motion to that effect being made by Florence O. McClelland, seconded by Jennie Lillian Jones.

Moved by Lodusky J. Taylor that Council adjourn subject to the call of the National President. Seconded by Mary M. North and carried.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary.

The minutes of the Second Council Meeting were approved on motion of Armilla A. Cheney, Illinois, seconded by Sue Browning, Iowa. The National Secretary then read the

MINUTES OF THIRD COUNCIL MEETING.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., September 23, 1910.

National Council, by call of the President, met in Parlor A, Young's Hotel, at 8.15 A.M.

After the Lord's Prayer had been repeated in concert the roll was called, showing those present to be Jennie Iowa Berry, National President; Fannie D. W. Hardin, National Senior Vice-President; National

Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan; National Counselor, Lodusky J. Taylor; National Instituting and Installing Officer, Marie L. Basham; National Inspector, Cora M. Davis; National Patriotic Instructor, Mary M. North; Chairman Executive Board, Florence O. McClelland.

The proceedings of the second meeting of the Council were read and approved. No further business was presented. Minutes of Third Council Meeting were read and approved. Council adjourned.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN,
National Secretary.

Moved by Lizzie Smith, Oregon, seconded by Joanna Melton, Utah, that minutes of Third Council Meeting be approved. Carried.

Emma K. McCammon, Ohio, then presented the

REPORT ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF ANDERSONVILLE PROPERTY.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: Your Committee on Report of Committee on Andersonville Transfer report as follows:

We commend the report and recognize in the Committee women whom we revere and esteem as among the ablest in our organization. They have discharged the duty intrusted to them ably and well, and the thanks of our entire Order are their due. The Committee would recommend that this Convention adopt the suggestion of Col. Thomas S. Hopkins of Washington, D.C., the attorney for the Woman's Relief Corps in the transfer of these sacred and historic grounds to the United States Government, and prepare a suitable tablet, in bronze, commemorating briefly the history of its possession by the Woman's Relief Corps, also the names of the women of the Woman's Relief Corps who constituted the Andersonville Prison Board, and the names of the Committee arranging for the transfer to the government.

MARY L. CARR, Colorado, *Chairman*,
AGNES HITT, Indiana,
SUSIE H. CARVER, New York,
IDA M. SMYTH, Iowa,
EMMA K. MCCAMMON, Ohio,
Committee.

The report as read was adopted on motion of Lizzie Smith, Oregon, seconded by Allie Maxfield, Washington and Alaska.

Mary L. Gilman, Chairman, then presented the following

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS
ON PROGRESS OF "HELPMEEET."

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: The Committee on Rules and Regulations, which was authorized by the Twenty-seventh National Convention to formulate a "Helpmeet," have given the subject deep consideration, and are of the opinion that a manual of information such as was contemplated in the original recommendation will prove most valuable to future National officers, especially the number and correct distribution of General Orders, Journals, stationery and the many different forms of blanks now in use.

Our official printer, Comrade E. B. Stillings, is the only living person possessed of all this knowledge. Should we be deprived of his coopération through the will of the Almighty, unutterable confusion would ensue, and the officers of the future be subjected to great and unnecessary trouble.

Mr. Stillings, with whom your Committee have been consulting, realizes the possibility of such a condition of things, and so sincere is his devotion to our Order that he is willing to make any sacrifice to advance its interests.

The advice of every Past National President has been requested by letter, and much has been done towards carrying out the will of the last National Convention, but much remains to do before a complete "Helpmeet" can be issued.

Our official printer is a very busy man, but he has given to the subject such time as his health permitted and that could be spared from his business.

Your Committee, too, besides being separated by long distances, have had many other duties to perform, and were thus prevented from giving to the matter all the time and thought required.

Such advance has been made in relation to the National President's duties as will be of material assistance to that officer, and the important questions of the proper distribution of Journals, paper, blanks, etc., are nearly settled.

Your Committee presents the foregoing as a report of progress and asks for further time.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MARY L. GILMAN, Massachusetts, *Chairman*,

HARRIET J. BODGE, Connecticut,

MARY L. CARR, Colorado and Wyoming,

Committee.

Moved by Nettie McGowan, Illinois, seconded by Minnie M. Kyle, Illinois, that report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Gilman then, as Chairman of Committee on Rules and Regulations, asked the pleasure of Convention as to the Resolutions to be presented.

Moved by Isabel Worrell Ball that Convention act upon each Resolution as it is read. Anna I. McCoy, Ohio, seconded the motion. Carried.

The following report was then presented to the Convention, and decision was rendered upon each Resolution as the report progressed.

The Senior Vice-President, Fannie D. W. Hardin, presided during the presentation of Resolution No. 1.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS
ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: The Committee on Rules and Regulations have carefully considered the various Resolutions involving amendments to existing laws, proposed in conformity with the rules of our Order, and published in General Orders No. 8, current series from National Headquarters, with special reference to the effect such proposed changes would have on the good of our organization, and present their report as follows:

RESOLUTION No. 1.

That Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1, Rules and Regulations, be amended by adding:

"Any member of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing in his Post may, upon presenting an application made upon regular blanks provided by the Corps and signed by his Post Commander, receive a Visiting Card, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, which shall, for the time specified on the card, entitle him to admittance without the password to all meetings of the Corps auxiliary to his Post."

That any changes in Rules and Regulations made necessary by the adoption of this Amendment be made, and that the forms for Application Blank and Visiting Card now in the hands of the Committee on Rules and Regulations be adopted.

Relative to admission of comrades to meetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, Resolution No. 21 from Illinois, No. 27 from Iowa, No. 33 from Montana, No. 36 from Oregon, No. 55 from Corps 171 of Ohio, relate to the same subject.

Your Committee have given careful consideration to these various Resolutions, and, after conferring with the National President, recommend the adoption of her Recommendation No. 1 with the amendment

that any comrade having a visiting card furnished by the Woman's Relief Corps, signed by his Post Commander and Adjutant, shall be entitled to admission, as a visitor, to any business meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps, it being understood he shall not divulge the proceedings of said meeting.

This visiting card shall be formulated by the retiring National President, and be issued without expense to Post Commanders applying for the same through Department President, or National Presidents where no Department exists.

Moved by Nettie McGowan, Illinois, seconded by Lizzie Smith, Oregon, that we adopt report of Committee.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Past National President: I feel that we should wait until such time as the National organization or Department organizations of the Grand Army ask for admission to our Corps meetings before admitting them. We are always glad to receive them as visitors under the head of good of the Order, but the chief crown and glory of the Woman's Relief Corps has been that the women have always managed our own affairs, and as we have a pride in our organization I beg of you not to take this action. I am very sure that it will bring trouble. We can have open meetings, we can declare intermissions to receive the comrades, but let us go on with the business of our woman's organization as women.

Alta M. Boram, Indiana: Is it the intention to give the comrades a vote in our meetings?

Chairman: No, the Resolution provides only that they shall be admitted as visitors. It is only to permit the comrade to accompany his wife to the meetings. We do not wish to follow the Ladies of the G.A.R. in giving them the right to vote in our meetings.

Sarah C. White, Indiana: Our husbands feel proud to come to our meetings; they have asked us to allow them to come, and I have promised them that after this Convention they will be admitted. We need this in the rural districts, where the wife has to drive several miles to attend Corps, and there is sometimes no place for the husband to wait for her during Corps meetings. I feel that this Resolution will greatly strengthen our Order.

Mrs. Kinne: Our Order has many loyal women; what about their husbands?

Mrs. Berry: We are legislating in the interest of the soldiers, for whom we are organized.

Jennie L. Jones: Several comrades said to me today, "Don't admit the comrades. The Ladies of the G.A.R. will never, never take your place." What I am wondering about is the one thousand Posts that have no auxiliary. Suppose one of their members should wish to visit a meeting of the Corps.

Lizzie Smith, Oregon: Many of the ladies of our Department have joined the Ladies of the G.A.R. simply because they admit their husbands to membership also.

Mary L. Carr: This Resolution comes not alone from the western sisters. Down in the good old State of Iowa they are asking for the same thing.

Mrs. Berry: This Resolution is intended to meet what I believe to be a general demand. Unless we give the comrades some sort of home with us, we may lose many of our members. After reading over the many Resolutions presented to this end, it seemed best to make the matter general, not optional with each Department, and to issue visiting cards only to comrades asking for them. There is a demand for this legislation, — let us face the fact. We do not wait for possible guests to ask permission to come to our homes before inviting them. Let the invitation go out from the Woman's Relief Corps. We should not wait until the Grand Army petition us to invite them. That is not true hospitality.

Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin: None of our comrades would favor this Resolution. We have many open meetings.

Frances Smith, Ohio: I belong to a Corps that has more than two hundred members. Not one of us cares for this, personally. I don't believe there is a comrade of our Post who would avail himself of the privilege of coming to the meetings should we pass the Resolution; but I do know that in our rural districts there are many women, now members of Corps, who can no longer attend Corps meetings because there is no comfortable place for their husbands to wait for them. I know that it is hard for some of the Corps in our State to hold their charter because it is difficult to get a quorum, and yet the members love the Woman's Relief Corps so much that they beg to be allowed to exist as a Corps a little longer.

Mary L. Carr: So it seems they favor this in Ohio also.

Florence Haynes, Massachusetts: I represent a Department having 172 Corps and a membership of 15,000. We have small Corps in the western part of our State, some of the members live many miles from place of meeting, and are struggling to hold their charter. We are only waiting to see what action this Convention will take. If you allow the comrades to come in, it will mean life to both Post and Corps. I have come to the place that I feel we must allow our comrades the same privilege the Ladies of the G.A.R., the Sons of Veterans and the Daughters of Veterans accord them.

Anna B. Tuck-Sapp, Illinois: If we give the privilege to one Post, we must give it to every Post. How about the veterans who belong to an independent Post? Is my husband, who is a veteran, to be excluded because he happens to be a member of an independent Post?

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne: Ladies, I feel so strongly about this matter that I am going to offer the following substitute motion:

WHEREAS, The Woman's Relief Corps is Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and shall be governed by the expressed wishes of that organization where they do not conflict with the Rules and Regulations of the Woman's Relief Corps, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Relief Corps defer all action in regard to the admission of comrades to the business sessions of the Corps which may allow them to remain either as honorary members or visitors during the transaction of Corps business, until such time as the National Encampment or individual Department Encampments of the Grand Army shall express a desire to become such members or guests.

It was moved by Ida Wilson Moore, Kansas, seconded by Emma Stark Hampton, Past National President, that this Resolution be substituted for report of Committee.

Emma Ewing Grinnell, Wisconsin: I feel that this matter should be brought up before a full Convention.

National Senior Vice-President: Shall this Resolution be substituted for the report of the Committee?

The Chair will ask for a rising vote and the Chief of Staff will please count. Those in favor of substituting this resolution will please stand. One hundred and two are counted as voting in the affirmative. Those opposed to this Resolution being substituted for report of the Committee will please stand. Sixty-nine are counted in the negative. The substitute resolution is now before the house. It will be given a second reading, that all may fully understand.

The resolution was again read, and it was moved by Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin, seconded by Eliza Brown Daggett, New York, that it be adopted.

Abbie A. Adams: In talking with a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, I have been informed that the comrades do not think it advisable for us to admit them to our business meetings. Should we decide to do so, our Constitution should be changed to admit them, not as visitors, but as members. I see no reason for this action, for under the "good of the Order" the comrades may come in as visitors, and I don't think they would care to be seated in the Corps during the transaction of our business. But if we make the change, let us make it in a dignified manner.

Emma Stark Hampton: I have talked with Grand Army men who occupied the highest positions in their Order down to those in the ranks, and I have never met one man who thinks it a wise move on our part. They ask, "What do the men want in a Woman's Relief Corps meeting?"

Mary A. Gardner: I visited a Corps where the Corps and Post

both met in the afternoon. The men waited in the anteroom while the women held their meetings. They seemed to enjoy themselves. Then while the Post met, the ladies met in the anteroom and prepared a good supper for both, and all seemed to enjoy it. I suggest this plan for the rural Corps that feel they must disband if comrades are not admitted to their meetings.

Frank Hubbard: Ladies, you know that the great strength of the Ladies of the G.A.R. lies in the fact that comrades are admitted to their Circles. We can not do too much for the comrades.

Augusta A. Wales, Massachusetts: Are we not drifting into class legislation? Are we not thinking of the interest of a few Corps rather than the dignity of the entire Order? If you admit only comrades who are members of Posts, you shut out comrades not members of the Grand Army, you shut out the husband of our loyal member; but then perhaps it is all right that he should sit out in the cold while his neighbor, who was a soldier, sits by the fire. The idea that I would bring out is, Mr. Jones goes one way while Mrs. Jones goes another. Now, about the comrades sitting in our meetings. I venture to say they don't get a bit more news then, about the Relief Corps, than now. I am heartily in favor of the substitute motion.

Sara L. Brown, Michigan: I belong to a family of soldiers and I love, honor and revere the soldier, but I don't want the comrades in our business sessions. The strength of this Order lies in the fact that it is a woman's organization.

National Senior Vice-President: The motion is upon the adoption of the substitute Resolution presented by Mrs. Kinne. All in favor will please stand. Those opposed will please stand. The motion is carried and you have adopted the substitute Resolution.

The National President resumed the Chair.

RESOLUTION No. 2.

That the tax of Provisional Department be reduced to two cents per member per quarter.

The Committee recommend the adoption of this Recommendation of the National President, and that Rules and Regulations be so amended.

Report of Committee was adopted on motion of Flora S. Wilson, Colorado and Wyoming, seconded by Regina Demarest, New York.

RESOLUTION No. 3.

That hereafter three copies of Secretaries' blanks, Forms A and D, be sent each quarter to each Corps by Department Secretaries and by National Secretary to Detached Corps.

Corps Secretaries shall forward two copies each of Forms A and D, when filled out, with *per capita* tax, to Department Secretary, and file one copy for future reference. Detached Corps Secretaries shall forward two copies each of Forms A and D, with *per capita* tax, to National Secretary.

Three copies of Forms C and F shall be sent Department Secretaries, who shall forward, when filled out, two copies of each blank, with *per capita* tax, to National Secretary and file one copy for future reference.

This Recommendation of the National Treasurer is made for the purpose of furnishing Department and National Secretaries and Treasurers necessary information, thus saving much correspondence and loss of time.

Your Committee recommend its adoption, and that Rules and Regulations be so amended.

Report of Committee was adopted on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Eliza Brown Daggett, New York.

RESOLUTION No. 4.

That all General Orders of Departments be sent each National officer for her information.

This is Recommendation No. 1 of the National Chaplain. Your Committee recommends its adoption, and that Rules and Regulations be so amended.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Mary A. Dow, Potomac, seconded by Catherine Bolton, New York.

RESOLUTION No. 5.

That hereafter Forms K and KK be sent Department Chaplains not later than February 1, with instructions to turn them over to their successors, except those in office on May 30, who must compile Memorial Day reports.

Mary L. Gilman: This is Recommendation No. 2 of National Chaplain. The Committee recommend its adoption, and that Rules and Regulations be so amended.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Catherine Bolton, New York.

RESOLUTION No. 6.

That no member accept the office of Corps Chaplain who cannot comply with its requirements, especially in promptly reporting to Department Chaplain, who cannot otherwise report acceptably to National Chaplain.

This is Recommendation No. 3 of National Chaplain. Your Committee are of the opinion that no member of our Order should accept office unless competent and willing to comply with its requirements. We recommend that Chapter II, Article VI, Section 1, and Chapter III, Article IV, Section 1, Rules and Regulations, be amended by adding, "and no member should accept office unless able and willing to comply with its requirements."

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: Ladies, you remember the ruling of our National President in regard to legislating to prevent people from holding office. The obligation requires officers to perform "strictly and faithfully all duties required of them." I move that we lay this Resolution on the table.

Motion was seconded by Hattie Ford, Rhode Island, and carried.

RESOLUTION No. 7.

That each National Inspector state in her report which of the Detached Corps were officially inspected and which were not.

This is Recommendation No. 1 of National Inspector. Your Committee recommend its adoption, and that Rules and Regulations be so amended.

Action of Committee sustained on motion of Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, California, seconded by Lizzie Smith, Oregon.

RESOLUTION No. 8.

That a new blank to be known as Form UU be made for use of National Inspectors in tabulating Detached Corps Reports, Form U, to be printed with her report to National Convention.

This is Recommendation No. 2 of National Inspector. Your Committee recommends its adoption, and that the retiring National Secretary, after conferring with the retiring National Inspector, shall prepare a copy of the new blank for the information of the retiring National President.

We further recommend that Rules and Regulations be amended to include this new blank.

Report of Committee was adopted on motion of Julia Mason Layton, Potomac, seconded by Sarah C. White, Indiana.

RESOLUTION No. 9.

That a new supply of Form S be printed to conform to all of the changes in Form R that have been made since the last edition, or that shall have been made at the close of the Atlantic City Convention.

This is Recommendation No. 3 of the National Inspector. Your Committee recommend its adoption.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Augusta A. Wales, Massachusetts, seconded by Clara A. Lukens, South Dakota.

RESOLUTION No. 10.

That Numbers 7, 8 and 9 of Form VV be printed as on Form VVV issued in 1906.

This is Recommendation No. 1 of National Patriotic Instructor. After careful examination of Forms V, VV and VVV, and conferring with the National Patriotic Instructor, your Committee recommend, as a substitute, that Question 9 on Form V be changed to read, "Has anything been done for Humane Teaching?" Questions 7, 8 and 9 must then necessarily be answered "Yes," or "No" by Corps Patriotic Instructor.

Form VV must conform to Form V in order that the Department Patriotic Instructor may tabulate reports from Corps.

The total number of "Yes" in columns 7, 8 and 9, on Form VV, is the number reported on Form VVV, to National Patriotic Instructor, to these questions.

Your Committee recommend that this method be followed in future editions of Forms V, VV and VVV.

Moved by Nettie McGowan, Illinois, seconded by Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, that the report of Committee be adopted. Carried.

RESOLUTION No. 11.

That the following questions be added on Form XXX, Press Correspondents' blanks, viz.:

11. Number of Corps Press Correspondents reporting?
12. Number of Corps in Department?

This is Recommendation No. 1 of National Press Correspondent. Your Committee approve the Recommendation, and recommend that the two questions be reversed so that "Number of Corps in Departments" shall come first.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Lizzie Hutchinson, Maine, seconded by Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin.

RESOLUTION No. 12.

That Corps Presidents request Corps Press Correspondents to prepare news items and see that they are placed in their local paper, and a written report from Corps Press Correspondents sent to Department Press Correspondents semi-annually, June and December 1.

This is Recommendation No. 2 of National Press Correspondent. After careful study of Forms X, XX and XXX, your Committee are of the opinion that it would be unwise to require Corps Press Correspondents to report semi-annually to Department Press Correspondents.

Inasmuch as Chapter II, Article VIII, Section 9, Rules and Regulations state clearly the duties of Corps Press Correspondents, and that it is the duty of Corps and Department Presidents to see that all their officers fulfil their duties, we think no special legislation is necessary in this case, and that the Recommendation should not be adopted.

Moved by Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Anna B. Tuck-Sapp, Illinois, that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

RESOLUTION No. 13.

That Corps Presidents see that their Corps Press Correspondents fill out Form X and return same promptly to their Department Press Correspondent, not later than June 1, so that Department Press Correspondents may tabulate the same on Form XX and file same at their Department Headquarters.

This is Recommendation No. 3 of National Press Correspondent, is of the same general tenor as the preceding Resolution, and for the same reasons your Committee recommend that it be not adopted.

Report of Committee sustained on motion of Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin, seconded by Eliza A. Patten, New Hampshire.

RESOLUTION No. 14.

That Department Presidents require Department Press Correspondents to tabulate Form X on Form XX, filing same at Department Headquarters prior to their Convention; also to see that Department Press Correspondents consolidate on Form XXX, and have the same officially signed and returned to National Press Correspondent *not later* than July 1.

This is Recommendation No. 4 of National Press Correspondent. Inasmuch as some Department Conventions are held as early as February, your Committee regard it inexpedient to make reports prior to Department Conventions.

The evident desire of the National Press Correspondent, as well as other National officers, is to find a way by which they may receive reports from Department officers in time for their annual reports.

Your Committee recommend that the rule requiring Department Chaplains in office May 30 to tabulate Memorial Day reports shall apply in the same way and manner to the duties of Department

Inspectors, Patriotic Instructors and Press Correspondents, and that Rules and Regulations be so amended.

Action of Committee sustained on motion of Lydia C. Hopkins, Michigan, seconded by Elizabeth Sawyer, Massachusetts.

Resolution No. 16 withdrawn.

RESOLUTION No. 17.

That Corps Patriotic Instructors be instructed to supply to libraries within their jurisdiction copies of Department and National Journals printed within their period of service.

This is Recommendation No. 3 of Chairman Andersonville Prison Board. Your Committee recommend its adoption, and that Rules and Regulations be so amended.

Moved by Flora S. Wilson, Colorado and Wyoming, seconded by Ida S. Pentreath, New York, that report of Committee be adopted.

Eloise S. Lehow: I should like to know who is to pay for these Journals.

Sarah D. Winans: The Corps would furnish the Journals. I suppose they would obtain them through the regular channels.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne: Our Department Journals cost us one dollar each, and as we have at least seventy libraries in our Department, in places where there are Corps, it would be a great expense. I do not feel that the general reading public is interested in our Journals.

Fannie M. Jones, Massachusetts: Our Department Journals cost us now over \$1,400, and I feel that this would be too expensive.

Regina Demarest, New York: We have 230 Corps Patriotic Instructors in New York, and I feel that the money that it would take to comply with this Resolution could be put to better use.

Sarah D. Winans: We have both Department and National Journals in our State library at Columbus, and in some of the city libraries, and teachers say they find them of great use in the preparation of patriotic work for the schools.

"Question" was called.

Motion to adopt report of Committee was lost.

RESOLUTION No. 20.

To amend Chapter V, Article VII, Rules and Regulations, by article on Discipline (page 413), prepared by special Committee.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 20 for the space of one year, and that Department Presidents report to National Secretary, before the next National

Convention, the result of its trial in their Departments, with such suggestions as will, in their opinion, perfect the Resolution.

Your Committee further recommend that the Resolution be promulgated in General Orders, but not inserted in Rules and Regulations.

Moved by Anna B. Tuck-Sapp, Illinois, seconded by Belle C. Harris, Kansas, that report of Committee be adopted.

The discussion that followed was participated in by Agnes Hitt, Harriet J. Bodge, Alta M. Boram, Abbie Lynch and others.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: The article looks to me like a mighty good thing to adopt for keeps, and I would amend the motion to read that we adopt the Resolution as presented by the Committee on Discipline.

National President: It would be hard to incorporate that amendment into the original motion and not have the wording appear awkward. Mrs. Ball, are you willing to offer it as a substitute motion instead?

Ida Wilson Moore, Kansas: You state the amendment first, and then the motion as amended.

National President: The Chair understands how to put an amendment. This is —

Ida Wilson Moore: State Mrs. Ball's amendment first, and let us act upon that.

National President: The Chair has, perhaps, had as much experience in putting amendments as most, and begs you will not offer further instructions. It is only that the form might be less awkward that the request was made.

Isabel Worrell Ball: All right, I offer a substitute motion that we adopt the report presented to this Convention by the Committee on Discipline.

Motion seconded by Sara L. Brown, Michigan.

Harriet J. Bodge: I counseled that this be tried for one year. I believe it to be a good thing, but we may need to change it.

Abbie Lynch: Since the Chapter on Discipline has been eliminated, we have had more trouble, more need for it. It makes some careful. It throws a kind of protection around the Corps. In presenting this report, we carefully examined all by-laws and Rules and Regulations that we could, and we found our old article on discipline as fine as any of them. I think that if you will adopt this you will find far less trouble in Corps.

The motion carried and the substituted motion was then stated and carried without discussion.

RESOLUTION No. 21.

Covered by action on Resolution No. 1.

RESOLUTION No. 22.

That the Department of Illinois petition that Chapter III, Article VI, Section 12, Rules and Regulations, be amended to read: "Who *may* audit the accounts of the Treasurer quarterly, but *must* audit them semi-annually."

Mary L. Gilman: Your Committee are of the opinion that the best interests of every Department require that the Department Treasurer's accounts be audited quarterly, and recommend this Resolution be not adopted.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Sarah C. White, Indiana.

RESOLUTION No. 25.

That the Department of Iowa petition National Convention to have National printer systematically number the receipts and receipt stubs in Department and Corps Treasurers' Receipt Books

The Committee recommend that the Resolution be not adopted.

On motion of Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, seconded by Regina Demarest, the report of the Committee was adopted.

RESOLUTION No. 26.

That the Department of Iowa petition National Convention to add to Requisition Books a line, "Past Officers' Badges, forty cents."

Your Committee recommend that this Resolution be adopted, and that Requisition Books be so amended when new ones are issued.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Ida Shotts Pentreath, New York.

RESOLUTION No. 27.

Covered by action on Resolution No. 1.

RESOLUTION No. 29.

That District Presidents and Past District Presidents be given the same rank in Department Conventions as Corps Presidents and Past Corps Presidents; that this be made optional with Departments.

This Resolution is presented by the Department of Kansas. Your Committee regard this as class legislation, and recommend that it be not adopted.

Report of Committee sustained on motion of Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, California, seconded by Nettie McGowan, Illinois.

RESOLUTION No. 30.

That we petition our National Convention to provide for an organizer under the direction of the National President, the duties and salary of this officer to be specified by the National Convention to be held in Atlantic City in 1910.

This Resolution is from the Department of Kansas.

Your Committee are of the opinion that there is no necessity for an "organizer" to be appointed, as requested by this Resolution. The Department and National Instituting and Installing Officers are fully authorized, and it is their duty to attend to all details of organization. We recommend the Resolution be not adopted.

Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne: I move that the action of the Committee be sustained. Let me go down in history as the only "organizer" the Woman's Relief Corps has ever had.

Motion seconded by Emma Stark Hampton. Carried.

RESOLUTION No. 31.

Resolved, That we petition the National Convention that the number necessary for a quorum in Corps having more than thirty members be reduced to five members.

This Resolution was presented by the Department of Massachusetts. Your Committee do not approve, and recommend it be not adopted.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Anna I. McCoy, Ohio.

RESOLUTION No. 32.

As this Resolution seemed to call for special legislation, Massachusetts asked the privilege of withdrawing the Resolution, which was granted.

RESOLUTION No. 33.

Covered by action on Resolution No. 1.

RESOLUTION No. 34.

That the Department of Ohio petition National Convention that in the issuing of Charter supplies to new Corps the full quota of Rituals be furnished instead of, as at present, three Rituals and Officers' Duties Cards.

Chapter II, Article I, Section 13, Rules and Regulations, provides for a set of supplies for Corps of fifteen members or less, which shall be sold for ten dollars to Corps.

In order to sell these sets at so low a price, officers' duty cards were printed. If the full number of seventeen Rituals be furnished these small Corps, as required by this Resolution, then the cost of these supplies must be correspondingly increased.

Inasmuch as any Corps may purchase as many Rituals as are desired, your Committee recommend this Resolution be not adopted.

Report of Committee approved on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Lizzie Smith, Oregon.

RESOLUTION No. 36.

Covered by action on Resolution No. 1.

RESOLUTION No. 37.

Covered by action on Resolution No. 30.

RESOLUTION No. 38.

Covered by action on Resolution No. 20.

RESOLUTION No. 39.

Withdrawn by Department of Wisconsin.

RESOLUTION No. 40.

That Corps be allowed to mark the station of Patriotic Instructor with a flag like those used by the Color Bearers.

This Resolution is presented by the Department of Wisconsin. In view of the fact that our Patriotic Instructors teach patriotism and love of the flag, your Committee recommend the adoption of this Resolution, and that the Ritual be so amended.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin, seconded by Nettie McGowan, Illinois.

RESOLUTION No. 41.

That Article XX, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, be amended by striking out all after the words "Rules and Regulations," which refers to gummed slips for Ritual and Service Book.

Approved by Committee with the amendment that leaflets be printed of same size as Ritual page, Red Book and Service Book, containing all amendments to Ritual, Red Book and Service Book since last edition.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Elizabeth J. Hutchinson, Maine.

RESOLUTION No. 42.

That a new section be added to Article V, Chapter III, Rules and Regulations, to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. The list of Delegates as elected by Department Conventions shall be printed in Roll of National Convention without change. In case of the death or resignation of a Delegate, the names of Delegates shall not be changed, but all changes made in list of Alternates. In case of the death or resignation of Alternates, their names shall be dropped and the vacancies filled by Department Council, such names to be placed at bottom of list of Alternates in order of their election."

The Committee cordially approve this Recommendation, and recommend its adoption, and that Rules and Regulations be so amended.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Abbie A. Adams, Nebraska, seconded by Ida Shotts Pentreath, New York.

Resolutions Nos. 44, 45 and 46 were withdrawn.

RESOLUTION No. 47.

Covered by action on Resolution No. 20.

RESOLUTION No. 48.

Add as paragraph to Section 1, "Meetings of Corps," page 10, Rules and Regulations, the following:

"Corps must establish, either by By-Laws or by direct vote, the hours for convening Corps meetings, and these shall not be changed until due notice, in writing, has been given each member, and the change has then been approved by a majority vote of the Corps."

Your Committee approve this Recommendation, and recommend its adoption.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Sarah C. White, Indiana, seconded by Regina Demarest, New York.

RESOLUTION No. 49.

Add paragraph to appointment of Investigating Committee, in Ritual:

"When more than one investigating committee is to be appointed, all names shall be announced, each member rising as her name is called. All shall then proceed to the altar and receive instructions on eligibility for membership, and a copy of Rules and Regulations shall be presented to the Chairman of each Committee."

The Committee approve this Resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac, seconded by Sybil Watson, Colorado and Wyoming.

RESOLUTION No. 50.

Amend Article XXIII titled, "Alterations and Amendments," page 35, Rules and Regulations, so as to conform with Resolution adopted by Twenty-seventh National Convention on a permanent Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee approve this Resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Action of Committee sustained on motion of Kathryn Ealden, Kansas, seconded by Sara L. Brown, Michigan.

Resolutions No. 51, 52, 53 and 54 were withdrawn.

RESOLUTION No. 55.

Covered by action on Resolution No. 1.

RESOLUTION No. 56.

Covered by action on Resolution No. 1.

The Twenty-seventh National Convention referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations the matter of a change ordered in Form D, by the Twenty-sixth National Convention.

Your Committee have carefully studied this proposed change, and find that it affects simultaneously Forms A, B, C, D, E and F, necessitating an entirely new edition of all these blanks.

We are of the opinion that because of the expense involved the change should not be made, and recommend that Decision No. 19 of Twenty-sixth National Convention be rescinded.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Caroline H. Bell, Wisconsin, seconded by Etta Humphrey, Kentucky.

The Twenty-seventh National Convention referred to this Committee Resolution No. 8, "That the words 'from disbanded Corps' be inserted immediately after the word 'dropped,' in Chapter II, Article IV, Section 5, Rules and Regulations."

Your Committee find this is impracticable and unnecessary, as the desired object is already provided for in Chapter II, Article IV, Sections 3 and 5, and we recommend that this Resolution be not adopted.

Report of Committee adopted on motion of Sarah C. White, Indiana, seconded by Lizzie Smith, Oregon.

Three other Resolutions reached the Committee too late to be considered, and are therefore not presented to Convention.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

MARY L. GILMAN, Massachusetts, *Chairman*,
HARRIET J. BODGE, Connecticut,
MARY L. CARR, Colorado and Wyoming,
Committee.

The Guard announced the newly installed Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John E. Gilman, with his Adjutant-General, to be in waiting in the anteroom.

Mary L. Gilman, Past National President, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, and Sarah E. Fuller, Past National President, were accorded the privilege of escorting the visitors into the room.

The musician played "When Johnny comes Marching Home," and Convention was a sea of waving salute flags and handkerchiefs as the distinguished guests were brought before the platform, and introduced.

Mrs. Gilman: Mrs. President, I have the honor of introducing to you the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, and my own dearly beloved husband, John E. Gilman.

Mrs. Fuller: I have the honor of presenting to you E. B. Stillings, Adjutant-General of the Grand Army, and also known as our "Father Confessor."

National President: You will escort the Commander-in-Chief and his Adjutant-General to the platform.

The National President introduced the Commander-in-Chief and his Adjutant-General amid a storm of applause, and the salute of the Order was given them.

Commander-in-Chief Gilman: Mrs. President and ladies, you have filled my heart so full, with that beautiful and familiar song with which you greeted me, that I can scarcely express myself. I thank you for the royal welcome you have given, and for the hearty words of congratulation you sent me yesterday. I would have been here sooner had it not been that our Encampment had a long session, and we did not install our officers until after six o'clock. Then we held a Council meeting, which lasted until 9.30. I found that some of the members of my Council could talk almost as long as the women, and you know that your presence here at this hour is evidence of your loquacity. I come to congratulate you upon the splendid report that you sent to the Encampment, as well as to bring you my personal greetings. You are the noblest body of women in the world, and I

am proud of the fact that you are our Auxiliary, and you are the only Auxiliary the Grand Army will ever have. We are grateful to you for the charity you have dispensed and for the flags that you have erected in our name, and I feel sure that the lessons of patriotism you are teaching in the schools and in the church will produce such loyal men and women in this beloved land of ours, that the Republic will be safe, no matter how strong a foreign foe may assail us. For should the time of need ever come, I know the boys will say, as their fathers and grandfathers did, "Here are our lives, accept them." Ah! ladies, your work will live after you. I congratulate you upon placing such emphasis upon teaching the children of foreign parentage the meaning of the flag, and that this is a country of "one language, one flag."

Now in closing I wish to thank you, ladies, for the honor you have conferred upon me. You began it in Toledo by introducing me as "This is the husband of our National President;" then it was, "This is Mrs. Gilman's husband;" and you kept it up for one whole year, until at last I was in danger of losing my identity, and I could not even respond to the name of "Johnny." My wife and I did not cease to be lovers when we were married, forty years ago, and we are proud of the fact that we are lovers still, and when you honored my wife, even if I was in danger of losing my own identity, I was proud that I was "Mrs. Gilman's husband." Now I want you to hear a few words from your "Father Confessor," whom I have chosen as my Adjutant-General.

E. B. Stillings, Adjutant-General: Mrs. President and fellow members of the Woman's Relief Corps, should I begin to call the roll of National Presidents of the Relief Corps, and relate some of the experiences that have come to me as your "Father Confessor," it would take all night. It was at the National Convention over which Emma R. Wallace presided that our sister of blessed memory, "Lizabeth Turner," introduced me as the "Father Confessor of the Woman's Relief Corps," a title which has endeared itself to me; for in my capacity of "Father Confessor" I have endeavored to be your peacemaker. I think that there will be but little need of my services in that capacity for the next twelve months. Your Commander-in-Chief is disposed to see that you have fair play, but if at any time he does not seem inclined to let you have anything and everything you want, his Adjutant-General will see that you get it. Owing to the lateness of the hour we will not detain you longer, but are glad that we had this opportunity of giving you our personal greeting.

National President: Color Bearers, attention! Conductor, you will escort to the platform the National President-elect, Belle C. Harris.

The National President-elect was escorted to the platform as directed.

National President: Mrs. Harris, I have called you to the platform to introduce to you your Commander-in-Chief, John E. Gilman.

Mrs. Harris: It is the proudest moment of my life to stand before you and congratulate you as *my* Commander-in-Chief. Massachusetts and Kansas will not only walk side by side, but I pledge you that we will work side by side. The 164,000 members of the Woman's Relief Corps, whom I shall represent, will keep step with you throughout the year.

Jennie Iowa Berry, National President: Now, Commander-in-Chief, I am going to place upon your breast my own badge. There is not another one like it, for on it, you see, are the words, "National President."

Commander-in-Chief Gilman: I will keep it as long as I live.

Convention badge was pinned upon the breast of the Adjutant-General by Belle C. Harris, National President-elect.

As the Commander-in-Chief and his Adjutant-General were escorted from the room, Convention stood and sang "God be with you till we meet again."

National President: I am sure all will work the better for this visit. We will pass without delay to consideration of the report before us.

The report of the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations was then adopted as a whole, on motion of Clara E. Brown, New Jersey, seconded by Alice S. Pike, Indiana.

Abbie A. Adams, Past National President: In view of the fact that we are now giving \$3,000 to the Grand Army from the Andersonville Fund, I move that in future Conventions we do not send the annual check of \$1,000 to the Encampment.

National President: That motion is out of order, as we can not so legislate for future Conventions.

Emma Stark Hampton, Past National President, presented the

REPORT ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREVENTION OF DESECRATION
OF THE FLAG.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: Your Committee has carefully considered the report on Prevention of Desecration of the Flag and every point submitted, and realize somewhat the great work it embodies.

It is a privilege and an honor to follow and emulate the example of our glorious Lincoln in his efforts in this direction. Though in the whirl and heat of that awful contest of years, nothing was actually done along that line, the countless deeds of heroism to protect the flag on sanguinary fields of battle proved every heart was controlled by the same inherent spirit of reverence.

It has often been said, great advancements and revolutions of life are the product of woman's brain. That she can devise and accomplish great things, the Woman's Relief Corps has proven beyond a doubt.

This Committee realize the emigrant question should be given more than "at least a passing thought," and hope the dream described will be fully realized. The first gift put into the hands of immigrant children as they touch the shores that have been so gorgeously painted to them will be longest remembered. Let the picture in their minds be a beautiful flag, emblem of the land they know as Liberty, a freedom from tyranny and oppression. In the schools they enter later these first impressions will be the seeds that grow.

We recommend necessary money be appropriated to liberally distribute these folders, as suggested in the report. This Committee wish to congratulate South Dakota on its initiative work. We wish in every way to encourage the growing sentiment that nothing shall appear on any form of American flag to divert the eye or mind from its original intent, and are happy that some restrictions are already secured. We agree with the Committee that any designs relative to trade-marks, or business in any form, are a sacrilege and should never be allowed, and that everywhere, where the American flag is displayed, nothing but deference and reverence be countenanced.

The custom of all rising to the strains of our own "Star Spangled Banner" quickly impressed itself indelibly upon all hearts, and everywhere meets with instant response.

These sentiments of devotion only need an impulse to make it reach out and touch every true American heart and soon become universal.

One by one these great problems will be taken up by the Woman's Relief Corps and surely carried on to final accomplishment.

We approve all the lofty sentiments and principles embodied in this report, and ask this Convention to confirm them. The devoted women having this work in charge should be highly commended for what they have already done, for a broad and strong foundation has been laid through their efforts.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

EMMA STARK HAMPTON, Michigan, *Chairman*,
AMELIA F. COLGAN, Virginia,

Committee.

The report of the Committee was adopted on motion of Lena T. Ring, Iowa, seconded by Sybil Watson, Colorado and Wyoming.

Nettie McGowan, Illinois, presented

THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTING AND INSTALLING OFFICER'S
REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: We, your Committee on the Report of the National Instituting and Installing Officer, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have read with much interest the very able report of the National Instituting and Installing Officer, and desire to commend her for its clear, able and concise statements of the work of the year.

We congratulate the Order upon its growth during the past thirteen months. It is truly gratifying to know that the Woman's Relief Corps has not yet reached its zenith; that we have gained by Charter 1,182 members during the year, and that Utah has been added to our sisterhood of Departments. Such a growth shows an ever-increasing interest in unselfish work for the veteran and the flag, and a determination to continue this work for loyalty and good citizenship.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

NETTIE MCGOWAN, Illinois, *Chairman*,
NELLIE M. BAYLESS, New York,
ELLEN V. BROOKS, Utah,
LIDA A. OLDROYD, Potomac,
ANNA B. ROBERTS, Maryland,

Committee.

The report of Committee was adopted on motion of Mary M. Stark, Missouri, seconded by Alma Ferguson, Illinois.

Lois M. Knauff, Ohio, presented the following

REPORT ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION FOR SOLDIERS'
WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention, W.R.C: The Committee on Report of Committee on Legislation for increase of Pensions for Soldiers' Widows have carefully considered the same and, while regretting the failure of the bill, we feel assured that it is no fault of the Committee; the report showing faithful work.

We recommend the adoption of the same, including recommendations.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

LOIS M. KNAUFF, Ohio, *Chairman*,
MARIE A. SOULE, Minnesota,
MAUDE M. MERRICK, Maine,
ALICE STEWART PIKE, Indiana,
MARY F. DEGRAW, Florida,

Committee.

The report was adopted on motion of Florence M. Westcott, New York, seconded by Clara A. Lukens, South Dakota, and Olive G. Williams, Ohio.

Kate E. Jones, Chairman, dictated to stenographer an account of the visit of her Committee to the Army Nurses' Association, and on motion of Lydia C. Hopkins, Michigan, seconded by Antoinette Hoyt, New York, her report was adopted without reading, and ordered printed in the Journal of Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS TO ARMY NURSES.

Mrs. President and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Convention: Charlotte E. Wright and myself called upon the Army Nurses and found them just finishing luncheon, and they assembled soon and the room was full.

They seemed pleased to see us, and we extended warm, loving greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps.

One of their number remarked that they were living on reminiscences. They wished us to return their thanks to the National President for the greetings sent.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

KATE E. JONES, New York, *Chairman*,
CHARLOTTE E. WRIGHT, Connecticut,
Committee.

It was moved by Belle C. Harris, Kansas, that in view of the excellent work done by the Committee on Prevention of Desecration to the Flag, the same Committee be continued.

Motion was seconded by Nora B. Atkinson, Potomac.

Mrs. Ball, Chairman, asked that the name of the President of Department of Potomac be added to Committee. This was by consent included in the original motion, which was carried.

Inquiry was made by Mary M. Stark, Missouri, as to a Resolution which had been handed the National President, the latter stating the same to have been in some way mislaid.

Isabel Worrell Ball, Potomac: Mrs. President, the gist of the matter is this, that the Woman's Relief Corps indorse the purchase of the relics of Abraham Lincoln by the United States Government, and so I would submit the following Resolution: "That the Woman's Relief Corps express their approval of the proposed purchase by the United States Government of the fine collection of relics of Abraham Lincoln, now in the possession of Capt. O. H. Oldroyd, of Washington, D.C."

Moved by Mary M. Stark, Missouri, seconded by Regina Demarest, New York, and carried, that the Resolution be adopted.

The National President was called from the room, the National Senior Vice-President assuming the chair.

Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President: I move that the Woman's Relief Corps, according to custom, present the retiring National President with the desk and chair used in her office work during the year, and with a testimonial of forty dollars.

Seconded by Mary M. North, National Patriotic Instructor, and many others, and carried.

Florence O. McClelland, Chairman Executive Board: I move that \$20 be allowed the Assistant National Secretary, \$10 be allowed the Convention Pianist, that \$10 be presented the janitor of the church, and that her salary for September be allowed the retiring National Secretary. Motion seconded by Sarah E. Phillips, New York, and carried.

Augusta A. Wales, Massachusetts: Mrs. President, it seems to me that some way could be devised by which we could in the future avoid the delay caused by calling the roll. I would suggest that credential cards be issued in coupon form similar to railroad tickets, and that one coupon be removed as delegate entered the room at each session, and Credential Committee count the same and in this manner be able to tell how many delegates are present. I, therefore, move that the incoming Council be instructed to prepare some method by which roll-call may be avoided in the future.

Motion was seconded by Sarah E. Phillips, New York, and carried.

Delegates expressed their approval of the idea by applause.

The National President returned to the chair.

Ida Shotts Pentreath, New York: Mrs. President, I move that a Committee be appointed to draft Resolutions of appreciation of the hospitality extended by the citizens of Atlantic City, the same to be inserted in the papers of this city.

Motion was seconded by Mary L. Carr, Past National President, and carried.

National President: The Press Committee will attend to this duty.

Mary M. North, National Patriotic Instructor: I move that the flags used by the Color Bearers during this Convention be presented to them.

Motion was properly seconded and carried.

Harriette L. Reed, Massachusetts: I move that a rising vote of thanks be extended our National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, for the most admirable manner in which she has conducted this Convention. We are fortunate indeed in having a presiding officer who is impartial, and possesses not only tact, but every grace possessed by woman.

The entire Convention stood to second the motion, which was stated by the National Senior Vice-President, and carried unanimously.

National President: I thank you, but much credit is due the delegates for the businesslike manner in which the work has been dispatched. It is truly wonderful when we think of how much has been accomplished in so short a time.

Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Massachusetts: I move that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the Color Bearers, Conductors, Guards, Musicians and other Convention workers for faithful performance of duty.

Motion was seconded by Augusta A. Wales, Massachusetts, and carried.

On motion of Sarah E. Phillips, seconded by Florence Haynes, Massachusetts, the minutes of the Friday afternoon and Friday evening sessions were referred to the incoming Council for approval.

Augusta A. Wales: I move that the unfinished business of this Convention, if there be any, also be referred to the incoming Council, and that we proceed with the installation of officers. Motion was seconded by Nettie McGowan, Illinois, and carried.

Moved by Adda H. Hall, Michigan, seconded by Mary F. DeGraw, Florida, that Guards be instructed to open the doors and invite any waiting comrades to witness the installation ceremonies. Carried.

At 11.40 P.M. the National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, introduced Mary L. Carr, Past National President, as Installing Officer, Mrs. Carr assuming the chair and declaring all officers relieved from duty.

Cora M. Davis of Oregon was appointed Conductor for the installation service; Ada G. Mohr, New York, Musician; Kate E. Jones, Chaplain; and the Color Bearers who served during Convention were asked to serve during installation.

The following officers were then installed:

<i>National President</i>	Belle C. Harris, Kansas.
<i>National Senior Vice-President</i> .	Eliza Brown Daggett, New York.
<i>National Junior Vice-President</i> .	Charlotte J. Durell, New Jersey.
<i>National Treasurer</i>	Charlotte E. Wright, Connecticut.
<i>National Chaplain</i>	Mary A. Gardner, Washington.
<i>Executive Board</i>	Alice C. Dilworth, Nebraska.
	Florence E. Moody, Michigan.
	B. Shelley Hawk, California.
	Katharine H. Moore, Montana.
	Mary M. Stark, Missouri.

The following appointive officers were then installed:

<i>National Secretary</i>	Ida Wilson Moore, Kansas.
<i>National Inspector</i>	Geraldine E. Frisbie, California.
<i>National Counselor</i>	Emma Stark Hampton, Michigan.
<i>National I. and I. Officer</i>	Julietta Morris, Wisconsin.
<i>National Patriotic Instructor</i> . .	Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Massachusetts.
<i>National Press Correspondent</i> . .	Ida M. Trenary, Illinois.

The Installing Officer thanked the Color Bearers and Conductor for the efficiency of their service, and then declared them relieved from duty, after which she introduced to Convention the National officers.

Charlotte E. Wright, National Treasurer: It is my pleasant duty to present to the National officers, with the exception of the Executive Board, these gold badges which have been sent with the compliments of Joseph K. Davison's Sons of Philadelphia, who are our official badge makers.

Each designated officer then received a beautiful ceremonial past rank badge, annually the gift of our official badge makers to the new administration.

National President Belle C. Harris: I thank you, Mrs. Carr, for the very efficient manner in which you have installed these officers. I desire the National Council to meet Saturday morning at nine o'clock in the Red Parlor of Young's Hotel.

The business of this Convention being completed, I hereby declare the Twenty-eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, closed.

The Friday evening session of Convention was declared closed at forty minutes past twelve o'clock.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., Dec. 7, 1910.

I certify the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true copy of the proceedings of the Twenty-eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Jennie Irma Berry.

National President.



SAMUEL R. VAN SANT

Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic

1909-1910

REPORT

OF THE

National President, Woman's Relief Corps,

TO THE

Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, September 22, 1910.

GENERAL SAMUEL R. VAN SANT,
Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir and Comrade: It is a pleasure to present to you, in accordance with custom, a report of the condition and work of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. I submit the following for the year ending June 30, 1910:

Number of Departments	35
Number of Provisional Departments	2
Number of Corps	2,882
Number of Members	<u>164,255</u>

Amount of cash expended for Relief	\$55,286.70
Amount of cash turned over to Posts	31,038.30
Expended for relief other than money	<u>46,338.80</u>

Total amount expended during the year as above	\$132,663.80
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Total amount expended during the year	
For Memorial Day	\$13,076.19
For Southern Memorial Fund	1,510.15
For Army Nurses	920.00
For Army Nurse (from Headquarters Fund)	50.00
For Memorial University	<u>1,085.74</u>
	<u>16,642.08</u>

Total amount expended for Relief, Memorial Day, etc., as above during the year	<u>\$149,305.88</u>
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Total number of persons assisted	31,665	
Balance in General Funds of Corps		\$161,135.91
Balance in Relief Funds of Corps		50,946.32
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Total balance in General and Relief Funds of Corps		\$212,082.23
Total amount expended for Relief and Memorial Day, etc., since organization to June 30, 1909		\$3,577,504.07
Total amount expended for Relief and Memorial Day, etc., for the year ending June 30, 1910		149,305.88
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Total amount expended as above since organization		\$3,726,809.95
The National Treasurer's Report shows cash balances, June 30, 1910:		
In General Fund	\$10,761.85	
In all other Funds	10,510.63	
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Total cash in all Funds		\$21,272.48
Supplies valued at		5,994.70
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Total assets		\$27,267.18

LIABILITIES, NONE.

Accompanying this report is a check for One Thousand Dollars, from the National Woman's Relief Corps to the Permanent Fund of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

DECISIONS

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. CHAPTER II, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6, page 10, change first sentence to read:
"A member can be dishonorably discharged only upon due investigation and sentence as per Chapter V, Article VII."
2. CHAPTER II, ARTICLE V, page 10, add new section:
"Corps must establish, either by By-Laws or direct vote, the hours for convening Corps meetings, and these shall not be changed until due notice, in writing, has been given each member, and the change has then been approved by a majority vote of the Corps."
3. CHAPTER II, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 9, page 13, fourth line, after the words "local press" insert:
"She shall compile such records on Form X, and forward to Department Press Correspondent, through the Corps President, not later than June 1."
4. CHAPTER III, ARTICLE V, page 17, add new section to read as follows:
"SECT. 4. The list of Delegates as elected by Department Conventions shall be printed in Roll of National Convention without change. In case of the death or resignation of a Delegate, the names of Delegates shall not be changed, but all changes made in list of Alternates. In case of the death or resignation of Alternates, their names shall be dropped and the vacancies filled by Department Council, such names to be placed at bottom of list of Alternates in order of their election."
5. CHAPTER III, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, page 18, second paragraph, the first two lines be made to read:
"She shall forward to Corps Presidents each quarter THREE copies of Corps Secretary's blank, Form A, and THREE copies of Corps Treasurer's blank, Form D."
6. Amend paragraph three of same section by inserting after the words "National Conventions":
"in her Department and to each National officer."
7. CHAPTER III, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, page 19, after first paragraph insert the following sentence:
"Department Chaplains retiring from office before May 30 shall turn over immediately to their successors all blanks in their possession."

8. CHAPTER III, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9, page 19, be amended to read:

"The Department Patriotic Instructor shall direct and supervise the work of patriotic instruction, and shall forward early in April Form V to Corps Patriotic Instructors.

"The Department Patriotic Instructor in office June 1, shall tabulate the same on Form VV for the information of the Department President, and forward to the National Patriotic Instructor, through the Department President, a consolidated report on Form VVV, not later than July 1.

"A Department Patriotic Instructor, retiring from office after June 1 of the same year, shall sign her report as RETIRING Department Patriotic Instructor.

9. CHAPTER III, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 10, page 19, add the following paragraphs:

"The Department Press Correspondent shall direct and supervise the work of Corps Press Correspondents and shall forward Form X to them, early in April.

"The Department Press Correspondent in office June 1 shall tabulate the same on Form XX for the information of the Department President, and forward through her, to the National Press Correspondent, a consolidated report on Form XXX, not later than July 1.

"A Department Press Correspondent retiring from office after June 1 of the same year shall sign her report as RETIRING Department Press Correspondent."

10. CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, page 23, second paragraph, second sentence, be made to read:

"She shall forward to Detached Corps Presidents each quarter THREE copies of Corps Secretary's blank, Form A, and THREE copies of Corps Treasurer's blank, Form D, etc."

11. CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, page 24, sixth line, after words "Department Chaplains" be amended by inserting:

"Not later than February 1, instructing those retiring from office before May 30 to immediately turn over said blanks to their successors."

12. CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 10, page 25, add the following paragraph:

"She shall forward Form X to Detached Corps Presidents, and Forms X, XX and XXX to Department Press Correspondents, and tabulate the same for the information of the National President."

13. CHAPTER V, ARTICLE III, SECTION 3, page 29, add the sentence:

"The PER CAPITA tax of Provisional Departments shall be two cents per quarter for each member in good standing."

14. CHAPTER V, ARTICLE V, SECTION 4, page 30, add the words:

"which shall include a statement, showing which of the Detached Corps were inspected under her direction."

15. CHAPTER V, ARTICLE VII, page 31, substitute Article on Discipline.

DISCIPLINE.

SECTION 1. Offences cognizable by the Woman's Relief Corps shall be:

First Disloyalty to the United States or violation of the pledge to perpetuate the objects of the Order.

Second. Violation of Rules and Regulations or disobedience of lawful orders.

Third. Violation of the laws of the land.

Fourth. Conduct prejudicial to the good of the Order.

SECT. 2. Penalties to either are:

First. Dishonorable discharge.

Second. Suspension for a specified period.

SECT. 3. A member can be dishonorably discharged only as provided in this Article.

SECT. 4. All accusations against a member of the Woman's Relief Corps shall be made in writing, and shall be read at a regular meeting of the Corps of which the accused is a member, except as provided in Sections 8, 10 and 11 of this Article.

If charges are entertained by a majority vote of the Corps it shall be the duty of the Corps President to appoint a committee of five impartial members in good standing in the Order, who shall investigate the charges, and whose majority vote of findings and penalty must be sustained by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a regular meeting, a written notice of such meeting having been sent every member of the Corps.

The decision of the Corps shall be final unless the accused produce within thirty days new evidence, which shall be submitted to the Department President (or National President where no Department organization exists), whose decision shall be final.

The Investigating Committee, through its Chairman, must give the accused at least ten days' notice of charges and place of meeting. If personal service of notice cannot be had, depositing in United States mail, addressed to the last known post-office address of the accused, shall be considered sufficient.

Every opportunity possible shall be given the accused to make her defence. As far as practicable the Committee shall be composed of her peers. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee shall be borne by the Corps of which the accused is a member, except as provided in Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this Article.

SECT. 5. Charges having been preferred against an officer, she shall be suspended from the duties of her office by Corps, Department or National Presidents, in their respective jurisdictions.

SECT. 6. In case of charges against a Corps President, the Senior Vice-

President shall appoint an Investigating Committee, and take charge at Corps meeting of all proceedings relating to the case. The accused shall be entitled to all privileges of new evidence if produced within thirty days, and referring of same to the Department President (or National President where no Department organization exists), whose decision shall be final.

SECT. 7. Charges against Department officers, except Department President, shall be referred, if charges have been entertained, as provided in Section 4, to the Department President, who shall appoint the Investigating Committee, and their majority vote of findings and penalty shall be submitted to her for decision, which shall be final; provided, however, that the accused may produce new evidence within thirty days, which shall be submitted to the Department Council and their majority decision shall be final. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee and Council shall be borne by the Department.

SECT. 8. Charges against a Department President shall be made to the Department Council, and if charges are entertained by a majority vote, the Senior Vice-President shall appoint the Investigating Committee, neither member of which shall be a member of the Department Council.

The majority findings and penalty of this Committee shall be submitted to Department Council, whose decision by a two-thirds vote shall be final; provided, however, that the accused may produce within thirty days new evidence which shall be submitted to the National President, whose decision shall be final. Necessary expenses shall be borne by the Department.

SECT. 9. Charges against National officers, except National President, shall be referred, if charges have been entertained, to National President, as provided in Section 4, who shall appoint the Investigating Committee, neither member of which shall be a member of the National Council. The majority findings and penalty by this Committee shall be submitted to the National Council, whose decision by a two-thirds vote shall be final; provided, however, that the accused may produce new evidence within thirty days, this also to be submitted to National Council, whose majority vote shall be final. Necessary expenses to be borne by the National organization.

SECT. 10. Charges against the National President shall be made to the National Council and be entertained only by a majority vote; the Senior Vice-President shall then appoint an Investigating Committee consisting of five Past National officers, whose majority findings and penalty must be approved by a two-thirds vote of National Council, their decision to be final, except new evidence be produced within thirty days, when the accused may appeal to the National Convention. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee and Council must be borne by the National organization.

SECT. 11. In case of wilful disobedience of legal orders of National Convention, or from National Headquarters, or refusal to enforce such

orders by Department or Corps officers, charges may be preferred by the National President and referred directly to an Investigating Committee of five impartial members.

This Committee shall consist of two members appointed by the National President from the Department of which the accused is a member, two members from the same Department appointed by the National President on recommendation of Department President, and the fifth to be chosen by the four members of the Committee so named.

Charges shall be made in writing by the National President and a copy sent the accused.

The Investigating Committee, through its Chairman, must give the accused at least ten days' notice of charges and place of meeting, as provided in Section 4 of this Article.

As far as possible the Committee shall be composed of peers of the accused. The findings and penalty of this Committee to be approved by two-thirds vote of National Council, their decision to be final; provided, however, the accused may produce within thirty days new evidence, this also to be submitted to the National Council, whose majority vote shall be final. Necessary expenses to be borne by the National organization.

An Investigating Committee must in all cases be appointed from competent members nearest seat of trouble, that expense may be lessened as much as practicable.

SECT. 12. All proceedings of Committee shall be secret until properly and finally approved. Notice by "Special Orders" of findings and penalty shall be promulgated only when sentence is "Dishonorable Discharge," and be limited to the Department in which the member resides, except that a copy of the Special Order shall be sent to National Headquarters and Headquarters of Departments.

"Special Orders" by Corps Presidents must be approved by the Department President, or by National President where no Department organization exists.

All papers relating to charges, notice to accused, investigation, findings and penalty shall be filed at Corps, Department or National Headquarters, according as final decision is rendered.

16. CHAPTER V, ARTICLE XX, page 34, the last two sentences be amended to read:

"When necessary, leaflets of same size as Ritual page shall be printed containing all Amendments to Ritual, Red Book and Service Books since last editions."

17. CHAPTER V, ARTICLE XXIII, page 35, add the following paragraph:

"All proposed changes and amendments to the Rules and Regulations, Ritual, Service Books, blanks, and all other forms used by authority of the National Convention shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations."

AMENDMENTS TO RITUAL.

18. Page 2, under diagram, add the following sentence:
"Corps may mark the station of Patriotic Instructor with a flag like those used by Color Bearers."
19. Page 12, add following paragraph relating to appointment of Investigating Committee:
"When more than one investigating committee is to be appointed, all names shall be announced, each member rising as her name is called. All shall then proceed to the altar and receive instructions on eligibility for membership, and a copy of Rules and Regulations shall be presented to the Chairman of each Committee."

REVISION OF FREE BLANKS.

20. That Decision 19 of the Twenty-sixth National Convention, relating to proposed change in Form D, be rescinded.
21. That the next edition of Form S be made to conform to the latest edition of Form R.
22. That a new blank, to be known as Form UU, be made for use of National Inspectors in tabulating Detached Corps reports.
23. That Question 9 on Form V be changed to read:
"Has anything been done for Humane Teaching?" and that Forms VV and VVV be made to conform.
24. That the following questions be added to Form XXX:
"No. 11. Number of Corps in Department."
"No. 12. Number of Corps Press Correspondents reporting."
25. That the line:
"Past Officers' Badges, forty cents," be added to next edition of Requisition Books.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

26. That \$1,000 be appropriated from the General Fund and presented to the Grand Army of the Republic for its Vested Fund.
27. That the three white Corps in Florida be organized into a Provisional Department.
28. That continued support be given the movement to preserve the Francis Scott Key Home, and members of the Order encouraged to contribute through the regular channels.
29. That the decision of the National President, in the case appealed from the Department of New York, be sustained.
30. That the action of Committee on Transfer of Andersonville Prison property in transferring the same to the United States Government be ratified, and that the Committee be authorized to incur necessary expenses to complete their work.

31. That of the amount remaining in Andersonville Permanent Fund we hold as special funds in our treasury the following:
 1. Three thousand dollars for the Grand Army of the Republic, subject to any call of the Commander-in-Chief for aid of needy veterans.
 2. Two thousand dollars for the aid of army nurses who do not receive pensions, and by reason of advanced age cannot provide for themselves the comforts they need, to be paid out for their immediate needs, after due investigation, under instructions of the National President.
 3. One thousand dollars for a memorial tablet to be erected at Andersonville Park, on which shall be inscribed the source from which the government received its sacred trust of that hallowed ground.
32. That the memorial tablet at Andersonville Park be in bronze, commemorating briefly the history of its possession by the Woman's Relief Corps, and bearing the names of the members of the Andersonville Prison Board and of Committee on Transfer of the property.
33. That the Woman's Relief Corps defer all action in regard to the admission of comrades to the business sessions of the Corps, which may allow them to remain either as honorary members or visitors during the transaction of Corps business, until such time as National Encampment or individual Department Encampments of the Grand Army shall have expressed a desire to become such members or guests.
34. That the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations be granted further time in the compiling of the "Helpmeet."
35. That necessary money be appropriated to carry out the plan outlined in report of Committee on Prevention of Desecration of the Flag, whereby patriotic folders be distributed to immigrant children.
36. That the Committee on Prevention of Desecration to the Flag be continued, and the name of Nora B. Atkinson, Potomac, added to the Committee.
37. That the Woman's Relief Corps expresses approval of the proposed purchase by the United States Government of the collection of relics of Abraham Lincoln, now in possession of Capt. O. H. Oldroyd, Washington, D.C.
38. That 500 copies each, of the Ninth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Twenty-second Journals of National Conventions be reprinted, the editions of the first two to be delivered in 1911, the remainder in 1912.
39. That 100 copies each of Volumes III, IV and V be bound this year and distributed under direction of National President.
40. That we do all in our power to secure such adequate pension legislation in Congress as will house, clothe and protect our veterans in their old age and give adequate pensions to their surviving widows.

41. That the bill to pension soldiers' widows now pending in the United States Senate is just and equitable, and we unite in asking its immediate passage.
42. That as to the Woman's Relief Corps is accredited the placing of flags on schoolhouses from Maine to California, that we extend the work into every Sunday-school room.
43. That the following appropriations be made: Testimonial to retiring National President, \$40.00; salary retiring National Secretary for month of September; Assistant National Secretary, \$20.00; Convention Pianist, \$10 00; janitor of church, \$10.00
44. That the chair and desk used at National Headquarters be presented the retiring National President.
45. That the flags and stands used during Convention be presented the Color Bearers.
46. That the incoming Council prepare a method calculated to shorten Roll-call of Convention.
47. That a committee be appointed to draft resolutions of appreciation of the hospitality extended by the citizens of Atlantic City, same to be inserted in the Atlantic City papers.
48. That all unfinished business be referred to the incoming Council.
49. "That we are united in our demands for a removal of the time limit, in order to bestow pensions on all classes of soldiers' widows.
50. CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, page 23, second paragraph, second and third lines be made to read:
"THREE copies of Department Secretary's blank Form C and THREE copies of Department Treasurer's blank Form F."

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Twenty-Eighth National Convention
OF THE
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

It would be impossible to give in a few words the unofficial proceedings of the Forty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Atlantic City, N.J., September 19-24, 1910.

In the history of Encampments a more ideal place for a gathering of such magnitude has not been found. With its one thousand hotels, this famous city by the sea, sometimes called the "World's Playground," is prepared to entertain 300,000 guests at one time, and as the Encampment came at the close of the summer season, there was no crowding. Plenty of room for all, and considerable to spare.

The weather throughout the entire week seemed to have been made for the occasion. Warm and summer-like, it was possible to spend all of the time in the open air, with the nights cool enough for refreshing sleep. Those who arrived on Saturday were treated to a surf such as is seldom seen on the island at that season of the year, but ever after old Ocean behaved with the utmost dignity, glittering in the sunlight, its sparkling waves breaking gently upon the white sands, and wooing many of the visitors to its invigorating embrace. The famous sand artists, too, had been mindful of the occasion, and patriotic emblems, with heads of Lincoln, Grant, and others of Civil War fame, modeled in sand, attracted much attention.

Early arrivals were privileged to see the decorations in their beauty and freshness. Passage from either station to the hotels was through an aisle of flags, for only these seemed to have part in the scheme of decoration. "Old Glory" everywhere. Big flags, little flags—avenue of flags—attached to buildings, trolley poles, wherever opportunity

appeared. Bunting was conspicuous by its absence, and one realized how successfully decoration can be done with only our country's emblem.

Arrangements for entertaining the visitors were extensive and enjoyable, but severely taxing to the strength of those who wished to see everything. The Departments were more scattered than is usually the case, each having practically a hotel of their own.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant and party and Jennie Iowa Berry, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, with members of her staff, arrived on Friday previous to the Encampment, and were greeted by a committee and escorted to their hotels (the Chalfonte and Young's, respectively). The City Troop, with the Atlantic City Band, did escort duty for the Commander-in-Chief. On Saturday the Headquarters' Band arrived, and information booths were opened for the assistance of the visitors, who were already coming in considerable numbers.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant, with Mayor F. P. Stoy of Atlantic City, on Sunday forenoon attended a patriotic service at the Savoy Theatre, on the Board Walk. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Robert Arthur Elwood, Chaplain of the Department of Pennsylvania Spanish War Veterans. Music was furnished by the Commander-in-Chief's Band, which played for a half hour before the service.

In the afternoon Commander-in-Chief Van Sant addressed a reunion of the Philadelphia Brigade at the Steeplechase Pier, and later spoke at a mass meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association at their Headquarters on Pacific Avenue. In the evening the Commander-in-Chief was again heard at a patriotic service at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church.

Registration began on Monday, at Young's Ocean Pier. Twenty-five cents for a button, and lo! the city was the wearer's. Four large piers, with their manifold attractions, could be visited at will, only a few attractions being barred. Of especial interest was the Steeplechase Pier, and shrieks of masculine laughter which issued therefrom told of the enjoyment of many of the veterans, who did "stunts" which would discourage many younger men. At the Inlet a fleet of thirty-two seagoing yachts was at the service of all who displayed the magic bit of celluloid.

Headquarters of the G.A.R. and allied societies were established Monday morning at Young's Ocean Pier. The Woman's Relief Corps also established a Headquarters Parlor at Young's Hotel, and this was elaborately decorated with flowers and flags, as were the various department headquarters, by the Women's Citizens' Committee. The Official Band was in attendance at the Pier, and before going there, by courtesy of the Commander-in-Chief, serenaded the National President, at her hotel, which was much appreciated.

At the Woman's Relief Corps Headquarters on the Pier, the Credential Committee were busy registering the delegates and awarding badges, which were of yellow ribbon, with suitable lettering, and a portrait of Gen. Grenville M. Dodge.

The Auditing Committee met at Young's Hotel in the forenoon. In the evening the Department of Iowa gave a reception in honor of their loved member, the National President. The Department of Potomac also received from eight to nine, at the Princess. At nine o'clock occurred the first great event of the Encampment, the reception to the Commander-in-Chief by the Women's Citizens' Committee of Atlantic City.

This was held at the spacious Music Hall at the end of the Steel Pier, a quarter of a mile from the beach, where the waves dash underneath and all around, making the occasion a novel one in the way of receptions. Within, the arrangements were admirable. The hall is very large with several rows of seats on each side. The floor was kept clear, by the Morris Guards, a military organization, which did grand work throughout the week. They were stationed in two rows the length of the hall, adding an effective touch with their handsome uniforms. Between these lines the visitors passed in twos. Progress was slow, but the inspiring patriotic music by the band of the Veterans' Orphan Home at Carlisle, Pa., which had been brought to Atlantic City for the Encampment, added materially to one's stock of patience, and there was also time to view the beautiful decorations of flags and palms, with hundreds of colored lights. In the line with the ladies of the Reception Committee, all of whom were handsomely gowned, were Commander-in-Chief Van Sant, with the members of his staff, Jennie Iowa Berry, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the representatives of other visiting organizations. Miss Lulu Hubbard Marvel, Chairman of the Reception Committee, presented the guests to the Commander-in-Chief. From nine o'clock until nearly midnight they stood, shaking hands, it was estimated, with seven thousand people.

Previous to the reception, the Boys' Band escorted the Morris Guards to the Pier, attracting much attention by their fine appearance and excellent music.

Another event of Monday evening which deserves mention was the Chair Parade on the Board Walk of the Department of Maryland, G.A.R., with their ladies, preceded by a band. There were nearly one hundred chairs in line, decorated with flags. They attracted much attention as they moved slowly up and down the brilliantly-illuminated promenade.

In the forenoon of Tuesday the Andersonville Prison Board met at Young's Hotel, and later the National Council held a conference

at the same place. Mary M. North, the National Patriotic Instructor, also met the Department Patriotic Instructors at the W.R.C. Headquarters on Young's Ocean Pier.

In the evening the great event was the Semi-Official Session and Greeting, this time in a spacious hall on Young's Million Dollar Pier. Few who attended will forget the brilliant scene, especially the wonderful harmony of the canopy of colored lights, flooding the vast space and the beautiful decorations with a peculiar soft light. Because of the vastness of the hall, few, save those near the platform, could hear some of the speakers.

The Official Band furnished music. At this time, Col. Frank M. Sterrett, Executive Director, turned over the work of the local committee to the Commander-in-Chief. Addresses of welcome were given by Hon. John Franklin Fort, Governor of New Jersey, and Hon. Franklin O. Stoy, Mayor of Atlantic City. At the close of his remarks the Mayor took from a package two large keys and presented them to Commander-in-Chief Van Sant, saying that one was the key to the freedom of the city; the other that to the hearts of the people. Henry Reuck of Atlantic City, a veteran seventy-two years of age, read an original poem, "The Rank and File," after which came the welcome of James Inglis, Jr., Department Commander of New Jersey. The band then played "Hail to the Chief," and the Commander-in-Chief was introduced.

At the close of his address, which was in a happy vein, expressing the gratitude of the Encampment for their cordial reception in Atlantic City, he was made the recipient of a magnificent diamond-studded badge, and Past Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius received a chest of silver, from the comrades of the Grand Army. On the appearance of Maj.-Gen. Daniel Sickles, he was greeted with enthusiastic cheers, and carried to the platform on the shoulders of veterans he had commanded amid the roar of battle. He was assisted to his feet and stood before the vast assemblage, who cheered him to the echo.

Mrs. Mary E. Lacey, National President, extended greetings for the Association of Army Nurses, and was listened to with special interest. Following her, Miss Edna Irene Cale sang "The Recessional" (De Koven), accompanied by Mrs. Alfred Westney. Our own National President, Jennie Iowa Berry, was then introduced, and in her sweet and graceful manner extended the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, after which she called to the platform Kate E. Jones, Past National President and Chairman of the Committee on Transfer, who, in well-chosen and forceful language, presented Andersonville Prison Park to the United States Government, on behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps. The Government's representative, who was deputed

to receive the Park from the ladies, responded briefly, assuring the donors that the grounds would receive the same care and attention as they had given it.

Mrs. Della R. Henry, National President, spoke for the Ladies of the G.A.R.

At this place in the program the band rendered the "Star Spangled Banner," giving the vast audience opportunity to change position, and when they were again seated, although the hour was late, they listened with renewed interest to the greetings of the Daughters of Veterans, extended by the National President, Mrs. Minnie T. Guittard, and Miss Grace Brock, and to those of the Sons of Veterans, brought by their Commander-in-Chief, George W. Pollitt. The National Chaplain of the Spanish War Veterans, Rev. Robert Arthur Elwood, also added a word of greeting and congratulation from his society, a tribute from the youngest American veterans to the older organization, but not the oldest, as there is still a society whose members served in the Mexican War.

It was near midnight when a selection by the band brought the affair to a close. The occasion was one the like of which Atlantic City will never see again.

On Wednesday, the parade. Perhaps circumstances were never more favorable for this great annual event. The day was fair and bright, and although the sun's rays were warm, the heat was tempered by a cool sea breeze. The line of march was said to be nearly four miles, but most of the veterans present participated, 10,000 in all. It was an imposing sight, although at times pathetic, but many commands showed that they had not lost their ability to march. Those upon the reviewing stand will never forget the spectacle. The stand was ideally located opposite the end of a small park, which is long and narrow, with some of the finest hotels about it. Across the street, on the park, was a smaller stand, occupied by the Army Nurses, who were in every way tenderly cared for throughout the week.

The line of marching men, with flags fluttering and gleaming, came down the left side of the little park, toward the stand, passed squarely in front, then away on the right, forming a hollow square of moving men and flags. Some of the Departments carried their old battle flags, the tattered remnants being greeted with enthusiasm, but some felt that the example of some of the States, whose sacred emblems are hermetically sealed in glass cases, where they may be viewed by coming generations of Americans, to whom their story will be told, is a good one.

The parade was reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief and his Staff. Vice-President Sherman, Governor Fort, Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Gen. Daniel Sickles, Rear Admiral George Melville (retired), city

officials and members of committees of Atlantic City, past Commanders-in-Chief Louis Wagner, Robert B. Beath and James Tanner, National Officers of the W.R.C. and other allied societies, and many interested spectators were upon the stand.

The Morris Guards were again conspicuous for their helpfulness, acting as escort for distinguished guests, caring for those who fell out of the ranks, and a double row of them, in bearskin hats, at the grandstand, added to the picturesqueness of the scene. Sons of Veterans were also on helpful duty, and police arrangements were excellent. Some feeble comrades took advantage of the ever-present wheel-chairs to go over the route in comfort. As usual some fell out of the line, but were so well cared for that there were no fatalities.

Asked by a newspaper reporter what the Grand Army would do when they were no longer able to march, Commander-in-Chief Van Sant was reported as saying, facetiously, that then the veterans would sit in the grandstand and the public would march by and inspect them.

At 3.00 P.M. the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention was called to order in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, by Jennie Iowa Berry, National President. The auditorium was handsomely decorated, but the church was small for such a gathering, and it was necessary to use the adjoining Sunday-school room, which was so arranged that it was often necessary to repeat what was spoken from the platform.

The order of exercises is included in Convention proceedings, and need not be repeated here, but the address of Mrs. Berry, National President, was worthy of many words of commendation, and the exercises were conducted by her with dignity and grace. She was made the recipient of many beautiful gifts, among them a valuable diamond ring from her Aides.

In the evening the annual reception of the National Woman's Relief Corps to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at the Chalfonte Hotel, by courtesy of the manager, Mr. Bell. The parlors were decorated with flags, palms and cut flowers, and an orchestra added to the enjoyment of the occasion. The reception lasted an hour and a half, hundreds passing down the line, but many were turned away. The arrangements were excellent — inside the house, but many who braved the crush on the piazza outside will not soon forget it, nor the bedraggled condition of handsome gowns when the line was finally reached.

Ida E. Palmer, National Chief of Staff, presented the guests to the National President, who in turn introduced them to Commander-in-Chief Van Sant. Others in the line were Mrs. Van Sant, Mrs. Montgomery, Fannie D. W. Hardin, National Senior Vice-President; Jennie L. Jones, National Junior Vice-President; Alfred B. Beers, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, G.A.R.; Georgia Wade McClellan, National Secretary; George O. Eddy, Adjutant-General, G.A.R.;

Charlotte E. Wright, National Treasurer; C. D. R. Stowits, Quartermaster-General, G.A.R.; Daniel Ryan, Chaplain-in-Chief, G.A.R.; Cora M. Davis, National Inspector; Lodusky J. Taylor, National Counselor; Russell R. Pealer, Judge Advocate-General, G.A.R.; Marie L. Basham, National Instituting and Installing Officer; William H. Lemon, Surgeon-General, G.A.R.; Mary M. North, National Patriotic Instructor; Margaret Garey Wright, National Press Correspondent; Silas H. Towler, Chief of Staff, G.A.R.; Sarah E. Fuller, Life Member of Executive Board; E. C. Geary, Assistant Adjutant-General, G.A.R.; Florence O. McClelland, Chairman of Executive Board; J. Henry Holcomb, Assistant Quartermaster-General, G.A.R.; Lilah D. Lindsay, Clara L. Lake, Members of Executive Board; Sarah D. Winans, Allaseba M. Bliss, Abbie A. Adams, Andersonville Prison Board; Past National Presidents and Commanders-in-Chief, Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Robert B. Beath, Emma Stark Hampton, Agnes Hitt, Ell Torrance, John R. King, Henry M. Nevius, and Thomas J. Stewart; Harriet J. Bodge, Mary L. Carr, Mary L. Gilman, and Clara E. Brown, Department President New Jersey W.R.C.

Later in the evening a reception was given the Commander-in-Chief by the National Ladies of the G.A.R., Mrs. Della R. Henry, President, at Haddon Hall. The Sons of Veterans enjoyed a grand ball at the Raleigh.

On the same evening the Departments of Massachusetts, Ohio and others gave receptions at their respective hotels. That of Massachusetts was worthy of note, being held in the beautiful palm room of the Hotel Traymore, which made an effective background.

Thursday morning the real work of the Convention began, and was expedited throughout the day, luncheon being served in the vestry of the church, by the Women's Citizens' Committee. At intermission a meeting of the National Staff Association was held, for the election of officers, Lue Stuart Wadsworth, National Patriotic Instructor, being chosen as President.

In the evening occurred the final social gathering, a reception to the National President, by the Department of New Jersey, at Young's Hotel, which was a pretty affair. In the line were many present and Past National Officers, Department Officers of New Jersey, Regina Demarest, Department President of New York, and others. A fine orchestra played classic selections which were greatly enjoyed. The National Daughters of Veterans also received at the same hotel.

Previous to these receptions, many went to Young's Ocean Pier, where the Army Nurses were receiving. It was a privilege to take these grand women by the hand, for in our whole broad land there are none nobler. Much of the success of the occasion was due to the long-time Secretary of the Association, Miss Kate E. Scott.

Another interesting happening of Thursday evening was a recep-

GENERAL ORDERS

SERIES OF 1909-1910

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 612 THIRD AVE., CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., August 20, 1909.

General Orders, }
 No. 1. }

I. At the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention of our Order, held in Salt Lake City, August 12, 13, the following National officers were elected:

President, JENNIE I. BERRY, Cedar Rapids, Ia
Senior Vice-President, FANNIE D. W. HARDIN, Denver, Colo.
Junior Vice-President, JENNIE L. JONES, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Treasurer, CHARLOTTE E. WRIGHT, New Haven, Conn.
Chaplain, CLARA L. CAMPBELL, Moscow, Idaho.
Executive Board.

FLORENCE O. MCCLELAND, *Chairman*, Chicago, Ill.
 CORA M. DEPUTY, Manhattan, Kans.
 LILAH D. LINDSEY, Tulsa, Okla.
 CLARA L. LAKE, Newport, R.I.
 ALICE McEWEN, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Andersonville Prison Park Board.

SARAH D. WINANS, *Chairman*, Toledo, Ohio.

II. National Headquarters have been established at 612 Third Ave., Cedar Rapids, Ia., and I hereby assume the duties of National President, realizing the magnitude of the work, but conscious that many loyal hearts and hands are awaiting the signal to action — such action as will make the year one of growth and progress.

As a first step toward this goal each member of our Order will at once give her immediate and best effort to strengthen the membership of her own Corps.

III. The following appointments are announced:

National Secretary, GEORGIA WADE MCCLELLAN, Denison, Ia.
National Inspector, CORA M. DAVIS, Union, Ore.
National Counselor, LODUSKY J. TAYLOR, Le Sueur, Minn.
National Instituting and Installing Officer, MARIE L. BASHAM, Des Moines, Ia.
National Patriotic Instructor, MARY M. NORTH, Snow Hill, Md.
National Press Correspondent, MARGARET GARY WRIGHT, Los Angeles, Cal.
National Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, IDA E. PALMER, Chicago, Ill.

IV. Additional elections and appointments will be announced and Convention Decisions promulgated in future General Orders.

V. Department Presidents will please note carefully the following instructions:

The National Password must be forwarded to Corps Presidents in sealed envelopes.

Each Corps shall be sent three copies of all General Orders and Circular Letters issued from this office.

Quarterly Reports must be forwarded to National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, Denison, Ia., not later than October 20. Enclose *with them* an order or draft for *per capita* tax, drawn payable to CHARLOTTE E. WRIGHT, National Treasurer.

VI. The Forty-third Encampment Grand Army of the Republic elected the following officers:

Commander-in-Chief, SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minneapolis, Minn.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, W. M. BOSTALPH, Ogden, Utah.

Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, ALFRED BEERS, Bristol, Conn.

Surgeon-General, W. H. LEMON, Lawrence, Kans.

Chaplain-in-Chief, REV. DANIEL RYAN, Columbus, Ohio.

The following appointments have been made:

Adjutant-General, GEORGE O. EDDY, Minneapolis, Minn.

Quartermaster-General, COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N.Y.

To the Commander-in-Chief has been pledged "the undivided allegiance of the Woman's Relief Corps and our continued work for all the Grand Army of the Republic holds dear."

VII. My sincere thanks are tendered the many friends who have sent letters and telegrams of greeting and congratulation. Such messages give courage for the work that is at hand, and are an incentive to high effort.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

10. That the sum of one thousand dollars be presented the Grand Army of the Republic, to be placed in its vested fund.
11. That the sum of one hundred dollars be subscribed toward the preservation of the Francis Scott Key Home, Washington, D C.
12. That the Provisional Department of Louisiana and Mississippi be abolished and that the colored Corps in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi be organized into *two* separate Provisional Departments, the Presidents of each to be appointed by the National President and the other officers mentioned in Chapter IV, Article IX, Section 1, Rules and Regulations, to be appointed by the Provisional Presidents with the approval of the National President.
13. That the amount due from the Provisional Department of Louisiana and Mississippi be remitted, and that necessary supplies for the reorganization of the two Provisional Departments of Louisiana and Mississippi be furnished them without charge
14. That a committee of three be appointed to consider the question of Discipline with a view to revision and modification and report to the Twenty-eighth National Convention.
15. That there be constituted a Standing Committee to be known as the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom shall be referred all proposed changes and amendments to the Rules and Regulations, Ritual, Service Books, blanks, and all other forms used by authority of the National Convention. The members of such committee to be elected, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and annually thereafter, one for three years.
16. That the matter of formulating a "help-meet" for the information of National officers be referred to the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations, and that they have full powers to compile and present copies of the same for the consideration of the Twenty-eighth National Convention.
17. That National officers shall turn over to their successors all property and supplies of the Order remaining in their hands within ten days after National Convention.
18. That General Orders No. 2, issued by each National President, shall contain Decisions of National Convention, which comprise Amendments to our written work in the same style as General Orders No. 2, Series 1907 and 1908
19. That the patriotic selections compiled by Eliza J. Crisler, when serving as National Patriotic Instructor, be used as a foundation, and a few selections added thereto for a pamphlet to be furnished to Corps at cost.
20. That patriotic literature be furnished Corps Patriotic Instructors so that they can comply with Questions 9, 10 and 11 on Form V.

21. That the work of Committee on Prevention of Desecration of the Flag be heartily commended, and the committee be continued.
22. That a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps be appointed on Transfer of Andersonville Park, of which Past National President Kate E. Jones shall continue to serve as Chairman; said committee to co-operate with a like committee appointed by the Grand Army.
23. That five hundred copies each of the Journals of the Sixth and Seventh National Conventions be reprinted, and that one hundred copies of Volume II, comprising the fifth, sixth and seventh National Journals, be bound in cloth, and distributed under the direction of the National President.
24. That the members of the Woman's Relief Corps in Utah be privileged to attend to the sacred duty of requesting the War Department to remove the hitherto neglected remains of Union soldiers in their State to the nearest National Cemetery.
25. That the usual testimonial of forty dollars be given to the retiring National President, Mary L. Gilman.
26. That the retiring National Secretary, Maria W. Going, be allowed the regular monthly salary for August.
27. That the Christmas gift to needy Army Nurses be increased to twenty dollars.
28. That the sum of twenty-five dollars be allowed the National Treasurer to purchase a desk for her use.
29. That the flags used by Color Bearers during National Convention be presented to them in appreciation of their beautiful work.
30. That the sum of ten dollars be paid the Janitor of the Church for his services during National Convention.
31. That the Department of Connecticut Woman's Relief Corps be allowed to unite with the "Connecticut Woman's Council of Education" that there may be concerted action in patriotic teaching in the schools throughout the State.

Additional decisions, if any, will be promulgated in future General Orders.

By command of

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Georgia Wade McClellan

National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 612 THIRD AVE., CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., October 11, 1909.

General Orders, }
No. 3. }

I. The following were elected by the Twenty-seventh National Convention:

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

EMMA STARK HAMPTON, Detroit, Mich.

ABBIE A. ADAMS, Superior, Neb.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To serve three years, MARY L. GILMAN, *Chairman*, Boston, Mass.

To serve two years, HARRIET J. BODGE, Hartford, Conn.

To serve one year, MARY L. CARR, Longmont, Colo

II. The following additional committees are announced:

ON LEGISLATION FOR SOLDIERS' WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

KATE BROWNLEE SHERWOOD, Toledo, Ohio.

ON LEGISLATION TO PREVENT DESECRATION OF THE FLAG.

ISABEL WORRELL BALL, *Chairman*, Washington, D.C.

ANNIE W. JOHNSON, Washington, D.C.

LIDA J. HART, Washington, D.C.

ROSAMOND B. MEACHAM, Washington, D.C.

LIDA A. OLDROYD, Washington, D.C.

IDA V. HENDRICKS, Kensington, Md.

MARGARET B. TEW, Anacostia, D.C.

ANNA A. PECK, Washington, D.C.

ON TRANSFER OF ANDERSONVILLE PRISON PROPERTY.

KATE E. JONES, *Chairman*, Ilion, N.Y.

KATE B. SHERWOOD, Toledo, Ohio.

MARY M. NORTH, Snow Hill, Md.

MARY L. GILMAN, Boston, Mass.

ON W.R.C. HISTORY TO COMPLETE SERIES OF NATIONAL JOURNALS.

SARAH E. PHILLIPS, *Chairman*, Syracuse, N.Y.

HARRIET J. BODGE, Hartford, Conn.

MARY L. CARR, Longmont, Colo.

TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF DISCIPLINE WITH A VIEW TO REVISION
 AND MODIFICATION.

ABBIE LYNCH, *Chairman*, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FANNY E. MINOT, Concord, N.H.

AGNES HITT, Indianapolis, Ind.

III. Additional appointments:

SPECIAL NATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

LOIS M KNAUFF, Cleveland, Ohio.

NATIONAL SPECIAL AIDES.

Ella Van Horne, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Hettie M. Lewis, San Jose
 Lizzie Belle Cross, Los Angeles Cal
 Stella A. Kyle, Cripple Creek, Colo.
 Eloise S. Lehow, Denver, Colo.
 Alice A. Slater, Hartford, Conn.
 Carrie A. House, Hartford, Conn.
 Annie E. Triplow, Weiser, Idaho.
 Mae G. Lincoln, Aurora, Ill.
 Alice M. Parker, Gilman, Ill.
 Frances C. Lewis, Morrison, Ill.
 Alice S. Pike, Danville, Ind.
 Sarah C. White, Rockville, Ind.
 Alta Boram, South Bend, Ind.
 Addie E. Unangst, Davenport, Ia.
 Lena T. Ring, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 Lou K. Moore, Indianola, Ia
 Margaret Hinman, Belmond, Ia.
 Mira L. Parker, Des Moines, Ia.
 Lydia W. Nott, Marion, Ia.
 Frederica Philpot, Dubuque, Ia.
 Martha Coggeshall, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
 Seraphine H. Osgood, Mt Pleasant, Ia
 Artie Brobst, Knoxville, Ia
 Emma E. Forter, Marysville, Kans
 Sadie C. Gully, Argentine, Kans
 Anna E. Moore Newport, Ky.
 Alice Breitenstein, Dayton, Ky.
 Maude M. Merrick, Waterville, Me.
 Maggie Sunstrom, Baltimore, Md.
 Henrietta E. Briscoe, Baltimore, Md
 Mary E. Knowles, Somerville, Mass.
 Marie B. Shepard, Reading, Mass.
 Eleanore E. Brown, Nantucket, Mass.
 Annie Baldwin, Boston, Mass. [Mass.
 Julia D F. Beckwith, Great Barrington,
 Nellie Dodge Whitbeck, Montague, Mich.
 Florence S. Babbitt, Ypsilanti, Mich.
 Nella Williams, Duluth, Minn.
 Martha A. Gordon, St. Paul, Minn.
 Mary E Plymat, Mankato, Minn.
 Mary M. Mettler, Brookfield, Mo.

Mary M. Botkin, Joplin, Mo.
 Mary Parks Flanders, Bozeman, Mont.
 Clara Sims, Missoula, Mont.
 Clara J. Hughes, Neb.
 Mary L. Kimmerly, Beatrice, Neb.
 Mary R. Morgan, Alma, Neb.
 Lizzie A. Josselyn, N.D;
 Emma E. Looney, Milton, N H
 Annie E. Weston, Amherst, N.H.
 Annie M. Sparmaker, Trenton, N J.
 S. Elizabeth Wilkes, Trenton, N.J.
 Nellie M. Bayless, Binghamton, N.Y
 Eliza Brown Daggett, New York, N Y.
 Ida Shotts Pentreath, Yonkers, N.Y.
 Francelia Dockstader, New York, N.Y.
 Edith M. Mason, Oberlin, Ohio.
 Nettie B. Greenfield, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Mattie E. Lear, Columbus, Ohio
 Virginia McLaughlin Taggart, Mansfield
 Minnie L. Billings, Guthrie, Okla. [Ohio
 Adah F. Wattson, El Reno, Okla.
 Mary E Chamberlain, Portland, Ore.
 Jennie C. Kirker, Beaver Falls, Pa.
 Maria L. Mumford Binghamton, N.Y.
 Mary A. Dow, Washington, D.C.
 Sue M. Carey, Washington, D.C.
 Emma Simpson, Newport, R.I.
 Mary E. Cooley. Seekonk, Mass.
 Almera Stowell, Aberdeen, S.D
 S. Nevada Hereford, Yankton, S.D.
 Emmer M. Cook, Huron, S.D. [Tenn.
 Elizabeth W. Pentacost, Chattanooga,
 Annie Ford Johnson, Knoxville. Tenn.
 Sarah E. Bonnell, Houston, Tex.
 Mary L. Rising Randolph, Vt.
 Eva St. Clair Osburn, Orting, Wash.
 Mollie E. Topping, Charleston, W.Va.
 Annie E. Noyes, Madison, Wis.
 Ellen P. Weatherby, Shullsburg, Wis
 Martha Brownlee, Mondovi, Wis.
 E. Pansy Colgan, Hampton, Va.
 Maggie Hemingway, Gentry, Ark.

Further appointments will be announced in General Orders No. 4.

IV. Aides desiring to accept appointment will at once write National Secretary, giving address essential to prompt delivery of mail. Commissions will then be forwarded.

V. Department Presidents will note the following:

General Orders are shipped Departments direct from official printer. Notify National Headquarters if not received, also of any desired change in number of copies supplied.

Accompanying General Orders Nos. 2 and 3 is National Patriotic Instructor's Circular Letter No. 1, three copies of which should be sent each Corps.

Remember that Quarterly Reports must be sent National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, Denison, Ia., by October 20. Enclose *with them* order or draft for *per capita* tax, made payable to National Treasurer, Charlotte E. Wright, New Haven, Conn.

VI. As indicated in last General Orders, the National President desires that the membership of our Order may be markedly increased this year, and that Corps women everywhere make a concerted effort to build up the membership of their own Corps. Remembering that one of the secrets of prosperity is the constant recruiting of the ranks, let us begin the work for new members now.

By command of

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Georgia Wade McClellan

National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
612 THIRD AVE., CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., November 27, 1909.

General Orders, }
No. 4. }

I. As the season of holiday cheer draws near, the heart of each member of the Woman's Relief Corps should turn with helpful intent toward those Union veterans and their dependent ones, whose blessings are not many and to whom our aid will be acceptable. At the blessed Christmas time let us, as an Order, neglect no one of "our own"; for the lessons taught by Him whose birth we celebrate are poorly learned if with the passing of Christmas some life of theirs is not the richer, some soul the happier for our ministrations.

II. Corps are urged to tender to their Posts the usual offering for the reinstatement of comrades unable to pay dues.

Commander-in-Chief Van Sant in a recent letter to these Headquarters says: "The assistance of the Woman's Relief Corps is now and has ever been most valuable to the Grand Army of the Republic, — so just keep on doing good in the future as in the past and the Commander-in-Chief will be fully satisfied with your efforts."

III. "Patriotic Selections," compiled by National Patriotic Instructor Mary M. North in compliance with a decision of the Twenty-seventh National Convention, will be ready for distribution about December 15, and may be ordered of the National Treasurer. This booklet is designed for use at camp-fires and on patriotic anniversaries and may be supplied to Corps at five cents per copy, the cost of publishing. Departments will do well to order liberally, as Corps may order in numbers for individual members or as gifts to Posts.

IV. Circular Letter No. 1 of National Press Correspondent is herewith enclosed, three copies of which must be sent to all Corps Presidents with these General Orders. Department Presidents will please insert in next General Orders a paragraph calculated to give our press work fresh impetus and make "progress" in truth the keynote of this work for the year.

V. Two additional Decisions, made by the Twenty-seventh National Convention in approving Council proceedings, are hereby promulgated.

Decision 32. That the action of the National President in the adjusting of affairs in the Department of Potomac be approved.

Decision 33. That the decision of the National President in refusing to detach certain Corps from the Department of Tennessee be sustained.

VI. The offices of the National President and the National Secretary will be closed from December 6 to December 16, as these officers will be at Atlantic City, N.J., making arrangements for the accommodation of the Twenty-eighth National Convention. Correspondents will be governed accordingly and all communications will be answered as promptly as possible after December 16.

VII. The following additional appointments are announced.

NATIONAL SPECIAL AIDES.

Mary E. Livingston, San Diego, Cal.
 Isadora Gladwin, Middletown, Conn.
 Mary A. Hoskins, Payette, Idaho.
 Clara M. Alt, Chicago, Ill
 Lu L. Schrack, Parkersburg, Iowa
 Jennie H. Trout, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Louisa Johnson, Marshalltown, Iowa.
 Harriette Hurd, Cedar Falls, Iowa
 Roma W. Woods, Sutherland, Iowa
 Corrina P. Davie, Newell, Iowa
 Augusta Daniels, Burlington, Iowa
 Kate Hanchett, Waverly, Iowa
 Josephine B. Lewis, New Orleans, La.
 Cora L. Prince, Portland, Me
 Florena H. Davies, Winthrop, Me
 Lucy L. Turner, Brookline, Mass
 Helen R. Blackmar, Hingham, Mass.
 Lelia F. Rockwood, Milford, Mass

Annie F. A. Hunt, Milton, Mass
 Rebecca A. Pickett, Beverly, Mass.
 Olive M. White, Dorchester, Mass.
 Mary A. McConnelly, Flint, Mich.
 Elnora D. Washington, Natchez, Miss.
 Elizabeth Risdon, Trenton, N.J.
 Hester Mapes Conklin, Lockport, N.Y.
 Florence M. Westcott, New York, N.Y.
 Margaret Willis, New York, N.Y.
 Ella H. Way, Painsville, Ohio.
 Susie McKellop, Muskogee, Okla.
 Jennie Higgins, Eugene, Ore
 Jennie B. Pinney, Brookville, Pa
 Matilda R. Sprague, Washington, D.C.
 Minnie Fox, Brookings, S.D
 Mary Rockhold, Dallas, Tex
 Phila Lamson, Brattleboro, Vt
 Emma Gibbs, Seattle, Wash.

NATIONAL AIDES.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.

Clara C. Holland, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Lina Brady, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Melvina J. McKinnie, Los Angeles, Cal.
 Cora L. Green, San Francisco, Cal.
 Josephine Mapes, Reno, Nev

Grace Moener, Santa Ana, Cal.
 Minerva M. Karsner, Oroville, Cal.
 Anna S. Buchanan, Pasadena, Cal.
 Margaret A. Martin, Oroville, Cal.

COLORADO AND WYOMING.

Ray Yambert, Cripple Creek, Col.
 Delia Buell, Salida, Col.
 Kittie Hewlitt, Victor, Col.
 Eile Tripp, Golden, Col.

Katie Johnson, Denver, Col.
 Olive A. Killin, Denver, Col.
 Amelia Crofts, Rock Springs, Wyo.
 Margaret Marrenal, Cheyenne, Wyo

CONNECTICUT.

Martha A. Stelle, Naugatuck.
 Helen E. Root, Bristol.
 Maria Smith, New London.

Daisy E. Deane, Torrington.
 Louise K. Hemmamy, Hartford.

IDAHO.

Julia Bowen, Weiser.
 Agnes Boehmer, Payette.
 Anna Long, Boise.
 Elizabeth A. Wayland, Boise.

Anna Leeson, Nampa.
 Ella Ketchum, Salmon City.
 Edith Ransimer, Cœur d'Alene.

ILLINOIS.

Frances Dorr, Chicago.
 Lucy Hull, Chicago.
 Anna Ocker, Chicago.
 Alice Harter, Chicago.
 Mattie Mayo, Chicago.
 Bertha Preston, Chicago.
 Martha Welch, Chicago.
 Nellie M. Frink, Chicago.

Emma Maxeiner, Chicago.
 Milie R. Sibley, Chicago.
 Anna Kornbrödt, Chicago.
 Fannie Barnum, Chicago.
 Alma Arps, Palatine.
 Lucie Weber, Pana.
 Mary Lantz, Bushnell.
 Frances Wells, Quincy.

INDIANA.

Marion L. White,	Greensburg	Eva Ginger,	Ridgeville.
Emma J. Welshans,	Danville.	Ella Jenkins,	Noblesville.
Laura Kalter,	Kokomo	Marie Keller,	South Bend.
Mary Minnett,	Columbus	Achsa Yount,	Crawfordsville
Charlotte Jones,	New Albany		

IOWA.

Mary A. Snook,	Fort Dodge	Elizabeth Beal,	Belle Plaine.
Ida M. Smyth,	Chariton	Mary E. Sargent,	Boone
Alice Reed,	Marshalltown	Lizzie M. Swafford,	Nevada.
Amanda Swick,	Boone.	Mattie E. Witter,	Council Bluffs
Mary W. Bixby,	Des Moines.	Hannah L. Hathaway,	Eagle Grove.
Nora Bryson,	Washington.	Cornelia T. Dodd,	Algona
Clara Carpenter,	Iowa Falls	Edith L. Evans,	Emerson.
Celia Holman,	Mason City	Louisa Johnson,	St. Charles
Alice Lytle,	Iowa City	Delia A. Raymond,	Fonda.
Elmina Cook,	Webster City.	Esther Lloyd,	Dallas Center.
Helen Cook,	Keokuk.	Sarah Fox,	Muscatine.
Emma Harper,	Osceola	Annie E. Pearson	Oskaloosa

KANSAS.

Dora Rogers,	Emporia.	Luella Perkins Reed,	Newton.
Kate Pond,	Salina.	Emma B. Alrich,	Cawker City.
Alice A. Papes,	Wichita.	Kate Van Antwerp,	Manhattan.
Frances A. DeBow,	Topeka.	Kate Lewis,	Eureka
Julia McCarthy Wood,	Chanute	Ella Miller,	Bonner Springs.

KENTUCKY.

Anna Farrell,	Dayton.	Rosa Blaes,	Louisville.
Anna Mosher,	Newport.	Sarah Seward,	Louisville.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI

Mattie V. Willis,	New Orleans, La.	Lydia Williams,	Signal, Miss.
Anna Smith,	Baton Rouge, La.	Elnora D. Washington,	Natchez, Miss.

MAINE.

Hattie C. Sprague,	Bangor.	Amelia H. Soule,	Woodfords.
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MARYLAND.

Annie Rhorick,	Baltimore.	Lottie Frey,	Baltimore.
Amelia Bauersfeld,	Baltimore.	Catherine Lubber,	Baltimore.
Ida Schilling,	Cumberland.	Mary Meyers,	Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

R. Jennie Manning,	Hopkinton.	Arrah V. Eddy,	Plymouth.
Susan D. Phinney,	Bourne.	Sarah B. Noyes,	Pittsfield.
Nellie A. Tracy,	Charlestown.	Harriet T. Berry,	Medford.
Eliza S. Allard,	Salem.	Georgiana M. Trow,	Kingston
Sarah L. Wallis,	Beverly.	Ella M. Hobbs,	North Brookfield.
Emma S. Willey,	Lynn.	Annie P. Atwood,	Whitman
Emily A. Abbott,	Malden.	Mary W. Gornley,	Abington.
Ella F. Long,	Hyde Park.	Sylvia B. Lincoln,	Falmouth.
Cornelia E. Byrnes,	Plymouth.	Dora F. Dempsey,	Middleboro.
Corrie A. Emerson,	Northampton.	Mary A. Beal,	Rockland.
Marietta Chipman,	Waltham.	Cora M. L. Kendall,	Gardner.
Jennie E. Ward,	Worcester.	Estella S. McCarty,	Winchendon
Mary K. Bosworth,	New Bedford	Gertrude M. Curtis.	Templeton

MASSACHUSETTS—Continued.

Susie F. G. Bacon,	Malden.	Mary A. Cusick,	Newburyport
Minnie K. Eames,	Reading	Cynthia A. Sleeper,	Medford
Augusta M. Parker,	Wakefield	Josephine Walsh,	Cambridge.
Mary L. Simpson,	Roxbury.	Ida R. Hayner,	Milford.
Gertrude E. Mellen,	Athol.	Mary F. Wood,	Worcester.
Annie A. Elkins,	Amesbury.	Emeline Landy,	So. Framingham.

MICHIGAN.

Florence Dickerson,	Grand Rapids.	Louisa Elliott,	Stanton.
Augusta Johnson,	Adrian.	Cordelia Rhoades,	Greenville.
Alma E. Fry,	Ogden Center.	Adda H. Hall,	Saginaw.
Sarah A. Troutt,	Sault Ste. Marie.	Pearl Richardson,	Port Huron.
Hester Cotton,	Grand Rapids.	Rosa Eckerman,	Muskegon
Florence Long,	Hartford.	Laura Rice,	Lansing
Hattie Wilson,	Allegan.	Hattie L. Painter,	Lowell.
Rebecca M. Gardner,	Mt Pleasant.	Mary Ford,	Big Rapids.
Carrie E. Hemstreet,	Bellaire.	Mira Neve,	Gowen.

MINNESOTA.

Mamie Armstead,	Duluth.	Lenora E Southworth,	Shakopee
Ella B. White,	Luverne.	Florence Schuttinger,	Stillwater.
Bertha I. Maher,	Staples.	Clara Lewis,	Benson.

MISSOURI.

Rose Elidge,	Trenton.	Hannah Martin,	Moberly
M. Showers,	St. Louis	Emma Cooper,	St Charles.
Bertha Heuser,	St. Louis.	Louisa Gans,	St. Louis
Cora Byram,	Kansas City.		

MONTANA

Emma A. Berry,	Great Falls.	Alice L. Free,	Billings.
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NEBRASKA.

Sarah L. Felt,	Superior.	Belle Newell,	Lincoln.
Minerva Bushnell,	Fremont.	Mary E. Cuddington,	Central City.
Julia A. Brown,	York.	Ellen Ackerman,	Ainsworth.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Lydia E. Jones,	Dover.	Carrie E. Kimball,	Milton
Nellie M. Carlton,	Lebanon.	Eliza P. Emerson,	Manchester.
Sarah E. Sackett,	Center Barnstead.	Orissa A. Sargent,	Chester.
Drusilla Hadlock,	Lyme.	Lizzie F. Elkins,	Exeter
Annette D. Kinsman,	Somersworth.		

NEW JERSEY.

Nettie Lowe,	Jersey City.	Mary T. Smith,	Elizabeth.
Louisa Wilson,	Trenton.	Elvina Baldwin,	Plainfield.

NEW YORK

Hattie Purdy,	Gloversville.	Agnes M. Bader,	Brooklyn.
Nettie M. Brown,	Fairport.	Mary Pratt,	Oneonta.
Jennie Cole,	Afton.	Orpha H. Lawton,	Rochester.
Sarah A. Noakes,	East Syracuse.	Lizzie M. McLean,	Walton.
Etta P. Eaton	Binghamton.	Sarah B. Wedge,	Binghamton.
Elizabeth R. Wilson,	Jamestown.	Charlotte Crosby,	Phoenix,
Florence Southworth,	Oneonta.	Margaret C. Dandurand,	Cohoes.
Sarah Orr,	Buffalo.	Jennie L. Korb,	Syracuse.
Mary Keeps,	Brooklyn.	Annie Sirey,	Brooklyn.
M. Alice Tirrell,	New York.	Sarah Cantwell,	Yonkers.
Anna L. McCrea,	New Rochelle.	Jennie Kelley,	Tarrytown.
Lizzie Newell,	Brooklyn.		

NORTH DAKOTA.

Jessie Searing,	Wahpeton.	Anna Braum,	Wahpeton
Parnelia Emerson,	Minot.	Adelia W. Peck,	Grand Forks.
Carrie A. Johnston,	Lisbon	Hattie Thomson,	Devils Lake.

OHIO

Sylvia A. Matthews,	Columbus	Julia Pegler,	Cleveland
Jeanette Mann,	Ashland.	Rose Pearson,	Troy.
Ella G. Dildine,	Toledo	Ella Lyons Candy,	Dayton
Jennie F. Clark,	Cincinnati	Margaret Wratten,	Cincinnati
Emeline Athey,	Tippecanoe City		

OKLAHOMA

Elizabeth Andrews,	Oklahoma City	Lettie D. Little,	Oklmulgee
Mae I. Barton,	Tyrone	Mollie Muer,	Pawnee
Eliza J. Shasteen,	Guthrie.		

OREGON.

Mary K. Pferdner,	Portland.	Rose M. Schenck,	Toledo.
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POTOMAC.

Christiana E. Butcher,	Washington.	Emma Ferguson,	Washington.
Belle C. Harris,	Washington.	Mary E. Hall,	Washington.
M. Ida Ferguson,	Anacostia.	Emma Harlow,	Washington.
Mary Honn,	Washington.	Emma S. Miller,	Washington.
Anna Peck,	Washington.	Fannie Worden,	Washington.
Jennie H. Street,	Washington.	Martha McKinley,	Washington.
Marie Smith,	Washington.	Cora L. Smith,	Washington.
Anna E. Rank,	Washington.	Emma S. Kibbey,	Washington.
Emma Patterson,	Washington.	Nettie B. Borland,	Washington.

RHODE ISLAND.

Lottie M. Brelsford,	Bristol.	Sarah A. McIntosh,	Newport.
Jennie Hogan,	Providence.	Mary Knight,	E. Providence.
Elma Davis,	E. Providence.	Annie E. Bucklin,	Pawtucket.
Annie C. Padelford,	Providence.		

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mina Cole,	Pierre.	Louise DeJean,	Plankinton.
Bessie Martin,	Aberdeen.	Lydia Lowthian,	Milbank.
Amanda Johnson,	Watertown.		

TENNESSEE.

Zorah C. Ford,	Chattanooga.	Mary C. Peters,	Knoxville.
Dorothy Brauns,	Nashville.	Effie Ruble,	Johnson City.
Louise Lancaster,	Jasper.		

TEXAS.

Frances L. Manchester,	Fort Worth.	Laura McGinnis,	Fort Worth.
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VERMONT.

Electa Murphy,	Bennington.	Mary G. Beckwith,	Ludlow.
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WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

Mattie J Baird,	Spokane	Kate J Burnham,	Spokane
Mary Blickenderfer	Asotin.	Jennie B Steeves,	Chelan
Mary A. Gardner,	Seattle.	Mary E. Spaulding,	Seattle
Dora Riddell,	Seattle.	Anna W. May,	Wenatchee.
Ella Bozelle,	S. Tacoma	Sarah E. Allen,	North Yakima.
Ehsabeth Leonhardt,	Seattle.	Anna Cant,	Seattle.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Margaret McKibben,	Charleston.	Clara Leach,	Wheeling.
Annie Patterson,	Benwood.	Mabel Sheets,	Belleville.
Nellie Cecil,	Parkersburg.	Virginia Grant,	Ravenswood.
Emma Wilson,	Rymer.	Martha Showalter,	New Martinsville
Kate Haptonstall,	Charleston.	Lizzie Jackson,	Wheeling.

WISCONSIN.

Jennie W. Lamberson,	Richland Center.	Alfreda McIntire,	Waupaca.
Mary DeGraw,	Grantsburg.	Josephine Marskie,	Whitewater.
Julia Straub,	Colby.	Julietta Morris,	Beloit.

Aides may receive commission upon sending acceptance and full address to National Secretary. Badges should be ordered through Corps Treasurer. Every Aide should constitute herself a recruiting officer for the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, and in other ways strive to render distinct service to these Orders.

VIII. Corps are reminded that they are privileged to contribute, through the regular channels, to the support of Memorial University, the school dedicated by the Sons of Veterans to the men and women of Civil War times.

IX Arabella J. Johnson, Past Department President of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, died September 2, 1909.

The sympathy of the National organization is extended to this Department, from whose constellation of Past Department Presidents one star has gone, "to shine upon some fairer shore."

By command of

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Georgia Wade McClellan

National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
612 THIRD AVE., CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., March 15, 1910.

General Orders, }
No. 5. }

I. The year has opened auspiciously for the Woman's Relief Corps, recent reports showing increase in membership, in organization and in activity

The birthdays of Washington and Lincoln have been well commemorated by the Order, the observance of their anniversaries encouraged by it in the communities in which Corps are established.

Let it be remembered that with the spring come three important special days, — May 18, Peace and Arbitration Day; May 30, Memorial Day; June 14, Flag Day, — and that preparation should early be begun for their fitting observance.

II. It has long been our cherished privilege to offer annual tribute to the memory of the Union men who sleep on Southern fields.

Department Presidents are requested to remind Corps that offerings for the Southern Memorial Fund should at once be sent through Department Treasurers.

III. Our entire membership will be interested in learning that the Government of the United States has accepted, at the hands of the Woman's Relief Corps, the gift of Andersonville Prison Park, a spot hallowed by the sufferings and death of many a Union soldier and long held as a sacred charge by our Order.

IV. The time of holding many Department Conventions being close at hand, Department Presidents will please note that proposals from Departments, looking to amendment of Rules and Regulations, Ritual or official blanks, must be presented in proper form and worded with accuracy as to meaning, if they are to be favorably considered by the National Committee on Rules and Regulations.

V. It is of importance to the welfare of Departments that there be no delay in the forwarding of election returns after the close of Department Conventions.

VI. Newly appointed Department Officers are hereby requested to immediately write the National Officer, to whom they must make reports, informing her of their appointment and giving full name and address. Prompt compliance with this request will greatly facilitate the work of National Officers.

VII. In December of 1909 the National President, in accordance with Decision 12 of the Twenty-seventh National Convention, abolished the Provisional Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, and organized its Corps into two Provisional Departments, both auxiliary to the Department of Louisiana and Mississippi Grand Army of the Republic.

Provisional officers were appointed and properly installed, and under their leadership the Corps are showing encouragement and growth.

PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS OF LOUISIANA

<i>President</i>	. Josephine B. Lewis, 2415 Canal St., New Orleans.
<i>Secretary</i>	. Levenia Debose Jones, 1813 Dauphine St., New Orleans.
<i>Treasurer</i>	. Josephine Davis, 2216 Thalia St., New Orleans.

PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS OF MISSISSIPPI

<i>President</i>	. Elnora D. Washington, 642 No. Pine St., Natchez.
<i>Secretary</i>	. Maggie E. Jackson, 67 Brenham Ave., Natchez.
<i>Treasurer</i>	. Clara C. Combs, 142 Oak St., Natchez.

VIII. Detached Corps L. L. Mitchell No. 12, of St. Cloud, Fla., was instituted February 3, by Past National Senior Vice-President Orpha D. Bruce, with a charter roll of fifty members. The President is Mary De Graw, to whom belongs much of the credit of organizing.

IX. The Twenty-eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Atlantic City, N.J., in the week beginning September 19, 1910. National Headquarters will be established at Young's Hotel (European). More complete information will be given in future General Orders.

X. The following appointments are announced:

NATIONAL SPECIAL AIDES

Ida Tillman, Earlville, Ill.	Esta B. Hann, Atlantic City, N.J.
Nellie F. Wilkinson, Peoria, Ill.	Zephy P. McIntee, New York, N.Y.
Adella Wilson, Earlville, Ill.	Angeline S. Peters, New York, N.Y.
Nannie B. Howe, Des Moines, Ia.	Anna Patterson, Freeport, N.Y.
Georgia McClellan, Jr., Denison, Ia.	Regina Demarest, New York, N.Y.
Katherine Farmer, Cedar Rapids, Ia.	Marie Snavelly, Syracuse, N.Y.
Selina B. Gray, New Orleans, La.	Julia R. Carrington, Susquehanna, Pa.
Laura V. Enoch, Baltimore, Md.	Jennie S. Riday, Philadelphia, Pa.
Ruth Van Sant, Minneapolis, Minn.	Carrie M. Cleveland, Hot Springs, S.D.
Laura Hutchinson, Willow Springs, Mo.	Cora Harris, Evansville, Wis.
Anna S. Mardall, Helena, Mont.	

NATIONAL AIDES

CALIFORNIA

Irene Moore,	Santa Ana.	Edith Comstock,	Elmhurst.
Rachel Hennacy,	Santa Ana.		

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Laura Bross,	Paonia.	Lucy P. Davidson,	Ft. Collins.
Ada Pierce,	Hotchkiss.	Elizabeth Cunningham,	Alamosa.
Maggie Brown,	Kiowa	Mattie Deller,	Pagosa Springs.
Harriet P. Madden,	Colorado Springs.	Eliza F. La Count,	Durango.

CONNECTICUT.

Annie M. Kenerson,	New London.	Carrie M. Clark,	Stafford Springs.
Carrie R. Pike,	New Hartford.	Rachel E. Capen,	New Britain.
Mary A. Perry,	Pomfret.	Edith M. Cook,	Bristol.
Bessie McEwen,	Danielson.	Emma M. Wright,	New Britain.
Eunice Longdon,	Hartford.	Margaret Larkin,	Unionville.
Estella O. McKachnie,	Putnam.	Sarah Caldwell,	Canaan.
Mary J. Butterfield,	Stafford Springs.	Minnie L. Traver.	Lakeville.

OHIO

Thalia Stewart,	Collinwood.	Sadie Kruck,	Delaware.
Lizzie J. Bieder.	Ashtabula	Mary Proctor Wilson,	Lebanon.
Florence T. Burnett,	Warren.	Katherine Brown,	Madison.
Anna L. Campbell,	Bowling Green.	Mary V. Moore,	Barnesville.
Gertrude B. Williams,	Norwalk.	Rose Batch,	Coshocton.
Harriet Valway,	Cleveland.		

SOUTH DAKOTA

C. M. Abraham. Mitchell.

WISCONSIN

Sadie Carmen, Janesville.

DETACHED CORPS

Martha M. Mead. Hampton, Va.

XI. Aides will please note that, in order to insure receipt of commission, their acceptance of appointment must be sent, with full address, to National Secretary Georgia Wade McClellan, Denison, Iowa. Circular Letter No. 1 of Senior National Aide, to be sent following above appointments, will outline the plan of work for the year.

XII. In grateful acknowledgment of the many letters of inquiry that have reached Headquarters, and of the special paragraphs that have appeared in the General Orders of several Departments, it is hereby stated that the National President has entirely recovered from a recent illness, having on February 15 reassumed the full work of her office, following an absence of not quite four weeks.

XIII. Since the issuance of last General Orders there have entered into the Land Eternal, Mrs. Carrie Questa, Department Secretary of Missouri; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Trimble, Past Department President of Kentucky; Mrs. Salena F. Springsteen and Mrs. Emma F. Cressinger, Past Department Presidents of Ohio; Mrs. Annie E. Shannon, Past Department President of Maryland.

To the Departments bereaved by the death of these faithful members the National Woman's Relief Corps tenders sincere sympathy.

By command of

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Georgia Wade McClellan

National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 612 THIRD AVE., CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., April 9, 1910.

General Orders, }
 No. 6. }

Memorial Day.

I. To the Woman's Relief Corps one day, peculiar and beautiful in its significance, stands apart, — the day when the patriot living of our country meet to honor the memory of our patriot dead

On this day, the flowers of May upon the green of graves; floating, sweet blossoms upon the water; contrasting wreaths about white shafts; bronze markers silently pointing a record of heroism, voices of children raised in song, and reverent services of patriotic Orders, — all combine to turn the thoughts of a people to grateful appreciation of those who preserved the integrity of the flag and made possible this wondrous, undivided country which claims our allegiance and our love.

Let Corps members everywhere guard against the desecration of Memorial Day by the thoughtless. Let them everywhere, by precept and example, rebuke that which mars the spirit of the day.

II. Corps will unite with Posts, in such degree and manner as the Posts may desire, in arranging for proper observance, and the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, where such organizations exist, should be invited to assist. The children of each community should also be given a part in the exercises. The lesson so taught them will never be forgotten, and in God's own time He will bring to them the fullness of its meaning.

III. Corps will hold, at the cemeteries, and at the waterside where practicable, the services prescribed in our Memorial Service Book.

Remember that upon Memorial Day we are also privileged to decorate the graves of Army Nurses and that they alone may share with the Veteran the usage of the day.

Upon Memorial Sunday, May 29, the Woman's Relief Corps will join the Grand Army of the Republic in attendance at special church services.

Contributions for the Southern Memorial Fund should at once be sent, through Corps and Department Treasurers, to National Treasurer.

Circular Letter No. 1 of National Chaplain accompanies these Orders, and a careful study of it by Corps and Department Chaplains should insure a complete report of Memorial Day. Only two copies will be sent each Corps, one for use of Corps Chaplain and the other for filing.

By command of

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Georgia Wade McClellan
National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 612 THIRD AVE., CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, June 25, 1910.

General Orders, }
No. 7. }

I. The Twenty-eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Atlantic City, N.J., the week of September 19, 1910.

Business sessions will be held in St. Paul's Methodist Church, corner Ohio and Pacific Avenues.

Headquarters will be established at Young's Hotel (European), and rooms may be reserved on application to James C. Walsh, Manager, who quotes the following rates:

Single room, one person, \$1.50 per day. Same, with bath, \$2.50.

Double room, two persons, \$2.50 per day. Same, with bath, \$3.50.

Rooms on ocean front (with bath):

Single room, \$3.50 per day.

Double room, \$5.00 per day.

Rooms elsewhere may be reserved by applying to Col. F. M. Sterrett, Real Estate and Law Building, or Esta B. Hann, Apartment C, Alcazar Building.

Railroad rates will be one and one-half fares for round trip; tickets on sale from about September 15 to 20, limit of ticket September 29.

Deposit of ticket with Special Agent at Atlantic City and payment of fee of \$1.00 will obtain extension of ticket, purchaser to reach original starting point not later than October 28.

Complete Convention arrangements will be given in General Orders, No. 8, to be issued early in August.

II. All Resolutions to be offered for consideration of Convention, involving changes in our laws, should be in the hands of National Secretary not later than August 1.

III. Newly elected Department Presidents will please remember that Department Election Returns should be forwarded immediately after installation, to officers designated on blank.

IV. Department Presidents are urged to use every effort to the end that Department Quarterly Reports may be in the hands of National Secretary, Georgia Wade McClellan, Denison, Iowa, together with *per capita* tax made payable to National Treasurer, Charlotte E Wright, New Haven, Conn., not later than July 20.

V. The attention of Department Presidents and Department Treasurers is particularly called to the following:

Owing to large stock of Rituals and Rules and Regulations on hand at beginning of this administration, no edition of either has been issued.

The stock of both is now low, but, if Departments will order sparingly, can be made to last until after National Convention, when an edition containing complete changes will be issued.

Departments will, therefore, for "the Good of the Order," order as lightly as possible along this line until new stock is printed.

VI. With pride, the National President announces the formation of a new Department, the Department of Utah having been organized on June 11, at Salt Lake City, by National Junior Vice-President Jennie L. Jones.

A warm welcome has been extended in behalf of the entire Order, but it is hoped a shower of congratulations may descend from other Departments upon this latest acquisition to Department ranks.

Department President, Martha M. Campbell, 315 S. 1st West St., Salt Lake City.

Department Secretary, Mossie Roby, 15 Wayne Ave., Salt Lake City.

Department Treasurer, Kitty Hines, Provo City.

VII. All Corps are reminded that the raising of a recruiting fund for the Grand Army of the Republic is now part of our work.

Money raised for this fund may be applied to payment of *per capita* tax of Comrades whose dues have been remitted by Posts, to the dues of delinquent Post members unable to reinstate themselves, and toward admission fees of Comrades now outside of Posts.

VIII. Mrs. Isabel Worrell-Ball of Washington, D.C., Chairman Committee on Prevention of Desecration of the Flag, would like each Corps and each Department President to send her a petition, beseeching Congress to give us a national law which will forever protect our National Emblem from humiliating usage and desecration.

IX. If the Francis Scott Key Home is to be saved to the Nation as an historic landmark, quick action upon the part of the friends of the movement is necessary. The Woman's Relief Corps has given nobly and well to this object, but there is much yet to be done on the part of those who would see the movement brought to a successful conclusion. Address Francis Scott Key Memorial Association, Washington, D.C.

X. Many of our members will be interested in knowing that a history of the work and growth of "The International Council of Women" has been written by former President National Council of Women, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Eliot, Maine, to whom those wishing information as to price may apply.

XI. Much credit is accorded our Corps for their instant and generous response to the call for Southern Memorial Fund. For this fund the large sum of \$1,510.15 has been forwarded to the Grand Army of the Republic, and both the Commander-in-Chief and his Adjutant-General have expressed high appreciation of the gift, as well as of the services of our Order along other lines.

XII. Department Presidents and Secretaries, in disbanding Corps, will please bear in mind that transfer cards should be issued, not only to

those requesting them, but to *every* member in good standing at the time of surrender of charter.

XIII. Having noted, during the year, the frequently improper use of the regular badge of the Woman's Relief Corps, the National President would call attention to the fact that our Recognition Pin is especially designed for informal wear and should be used except upon occasions of ceremony and in the Corps room.

XIV. Inasmuch as statistics show the number killed and injured in the principal seven battles of the Revolutionary War was 1,119, while our Independence Day fatalities in the last seven years number 34,603, it is hoped that Relief Corps women throughout our land will give every possible help to the movement to afford "Young America" a safe and sane Fourth of July.

XV. The following appointments are announced:

SPECIAL NATIONAL AIDES

Carrie W. Dibble, San Francisco, Cal.
Helen A. Sills, Gunnison, Colo.
Minna M. Oldershaw, New Britain, Conn.
Lois Irene Earl, Hartford, Conn.
Anna Patterson, Mattoon, Ill.
Jennie Whedon, Winterset, Ia.
Sarah E. Staplin, Ells, Kan.
Mary H. Dodge, Berea, Ky.
Florence Haynes, Salem, Mass
Lucie S. Lewis, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mary M. Stark, St. Louis, Mo.
Jennie Tuckerman, Brookfield, Mo.
Clara E. Brown, W. New York, N.J.
Emojean Newland, Washington, D.C.
Marion B. Parker, Washington, D.C.
Annie L. Pender, Providence, R.I.
Gertrude E. Barry, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Belle W. Bliss, Baraboo, Wis.
Mattie M. Campbell, Salt Lake City, Utah.

NATIONAL AIDES

CALIFORNIA

B. Shelley Hawk,
Nellie Leonard,

Sacramento.
Los Angeles.

Martha M. Seymour, San Bernardino.

CONNECTICUT

Mary S. Smith,
Katherine Cook,
Alice C. Whitehead,

Danbury.
Shelton.
Hartford.

Sarah G. Horsfall, Unionville.
Eleanor G. Olmstead, East Hartford.

ILLINOIS

Minnie B. Brown,
Etta Gretter,
Sarah Snow,
Luda Wagner,
Celia Holt,
Ellen Libby,
Frank Hubbard,

Quincy.
Chicago.
DeKalb.
Chicago.
Chicago.
Chicago.
Chicago.

Ella Funk, LaSalle.
Mamie Britton, Chicago.
Laura Sutherland, Park Ridge.
Pearl Wilson, Bloomington.
Ella V. Work, Chicago.
Susie Ordway, Chicago.

MASSACHUSETTS

Annie F. Pierce,
Carrie E. Ray,
Carrie A. Gibbs,
Jennie Topham,
Anna E. Shattuck,
Adeline R. Lermonde,
Grace F. Kindred,

Spencer.
Pittsfield.
Boston.
New Bedford.
Roxbury.
Roxbury.
Roxbury.

Sarah A. Newman, South Boston.
Josie L. Fassett, Somerset.
Nellie M. Gross, South Boston.
Annie A. Brown, Salem.
Rosa Arrington, Salem.
Miriam G. Call, Salem.

MISSOURI

Agnes Fruin,	Brookfield.		M. M. S. Gullson,	Appleton City
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NEW YORK

Elizabeth A. Ryder,	Brooklyn.		Alvaretta Hodson,	Brooklyn.
Jennie Teller,	Rochester.		Anna Robinson,	Brooklyn.

OHIO

Emma J. Vaughn,	Norwalk.
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PENNSYLVANIA

Alice Starr Hauck,	Mechanicsburg.
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TENNESSEE

Hannah Hill,	Chattanooga.		Belle Cook,	Knoxville.
Mary Andrews,	Chattanooga.			

WISCONSIN

Ella M. Bresee,	Madison.		Amelia Flanagan	Fond du Lac, Wis.
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DETACHED CORPS

Eliza Mosher,	Fitzgerald, Ga.		Emma Bryan,	Fitzgerald, Ga.
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Notice of acceptance should be sent at once to National Secretary, upon receipt of which commissions will be forwarded.

Badges may be procured through Corps Treasurers. Section 14 of Article VI, Chapter IV, defines the duties of a National Aide.

XVI. In deep sorrow we chronicle the death of these loved and influential members of our Order:

May Evans Reid of Washington, Past National Junior Vice-President, a noble woman mourned sincerely by all who knew her.

Hannah U. Maxon of Ohio, Past National Chaplain, whose voice and soul have so often been lifted in prayer for the Woman's Relief Corps.

Kathryn Bleyer, an esteemed Past Department President of Wisconsin.

Mary Douglass and Elizabeth Faatz of Iowa, Ellen G. Messinger of Missouri, Cerinda Lord of South Dakota, members of that honored band, the Army Nurses of the Civil War.

By command of

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Georgia Wade McClellan
National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 612 THIRD AVE., CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., August 18, 1910.

General Orders, }
 No. 8. }

The following proposed amendments and alterations affecting Rules and Regulations and other forms of authority used by the Woman's Relief Corps will be brought before the Twenty-eighth National Convention for consideration, after having been referred to the Standing Committee on Rules and Regulations.

All other Resolutions and Recommendations herewith published will be presented for consideration, after having been referred to the proper committees.

Presented by National President Jennie Iowa Berry:

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

That Chapter II, Article IV, Section 1, Rules and Regulations, be amended by adding:

"Any member of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing in his Post may, upon presenting an application made upon regular blanks provided by the Corps and signed by his Post Commander, receive a Visiting Card, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, which shall, for the time specified on the card, entitle him to admittance without the password, to all meetings of the Corps auxiliary to his Post."

That any changes in Rules and Regulations made necessary by the adoption of this Amendment be made, and that the forms for Application Blank and Visiting Card now in the hands of the Committee on Rules and Regulations be adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

That the tax of Provisional Departments be reduced to two cents per member per quarter.

Presented by National Treasurer Charlotte E. Wright:

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

That hereafter three copies of Secretaries' blanks, Forms A and D, be sent each quarter to each Corps by Department Secretaries and by National Secretary to Detached Corps.

Corps Secretaries shall forward two copies each of Forms A and D, when filled out, with *per capita* tax, to Department Secretary and file one copy for future reference. Detached Corps Secretaries shall forward two copies each of Forms A and D, with *per capita* tax, to National Secretary.

Three copies of Forms C and F shall be sent Department Secretaries, who shall forward, when filled out, two copies of each blank, with *per capita* tax, to National Secretary and file one copy for future reference.

Presented by National Chaplain Clara L. Campbell:

RESOLUTION No. 4.

Recommendation No. 1. That all General Orders of Departments be sent each National officer for her information.

RESOLUTION No. 5.

Recommendation No. 2. That hereafter Forms K and KK be sent Department Chaplains not later than February 1, with instructions to turn them over to their successors, except those in office on May 30, who must compile Memorial Day reports.

RESOLUTION No. 6.

Recommendation No. 3. That no member accept the office of Corps Chaplain who cannot comply with its requirements, especially in promptly reporting to Department Chaplain, who cannot otherwise report acceptably to National Chaplain.

Presented by National Inspector Cora M. Davis:

RESOLUTION No. 7.

Recommendation No. 1. That each National Inspector state in her report which of the Detached Corps were officially inspected and which were not.

RESOLUTION No. 8.

Recommendation No. 2. That a new blank to be known as Form UU be made for use of National Inspectors in tabulating Detached Corps Reports Form U, to be printed with her report to National Convention.

RESOLUTION No. 9.

Recommendation No. 3. That a new supply of Form S be printed to conform to all of the changes in Form R that have been made since the last edition, or that shall have been made at the close of the Atlantic City Convention.

Presented by National Patriotic Instructor Mary M. North:

RESOLUTION No. 10.

Recommendation No. 1. That Numbers 7, 8 and 9 of Form VV be printed as on Form VVV issued in 1906.

Presented by National Press Correspondent Margaret Garey Wright:

RESOLUTION No. 11.

Recommendation No. 1. That the following questions be added on Form XXX, Press Correspondents' blanks, viz.:

11. Number of Corps Press Correspondents reporting?
12. Number of Corps in Department?

RESOLUTION No. 12.

Recommendation No. 2. That Corps Presidents request Corps Press Correspondents to prepare news items and see that they are placed in their local paper, and a written report from Corps Press Correspondents sent to Department Press Correspondents semi-annually, June and December 1.

RESOLUTION No. 13.

Recommendation No. 3. That Corps Presidents see that their Corps Press Correspondents fill out Form X and return same promptly to their Department Press Correspondent, not later than June 1, so that Department Press Correspondents may tabulate the same on Form XX and file same at their Department Headquarters.

RESOLUTION No. 14.

Recommendation No. 4. That Department Presidents require Department Press Correspondents to tabulate Form X on Form XX, filing same at Department Headquarters prior to their Convention; also to see that Department Press Correspondents consolidate on Form XXX and have the same officially signed and returned to National Press Correspondent *not later* than July 1.

Presented by Sarah D. Winans, Chairman Andersonville Board:

RESOLUTION No. 15.

Recommendation No. 1. That we set aside five thousand dollars from the Andersonville Permanent Fund, holding it in trust for the Memorial University, for the beginning of an endowment fund, the amount to be determined later. The interest of the fund to be paid, at the close of each year, to the Memorial University.

RESOLUTION No. 16.

Recommendation No. 2. That Corps Patriotic Instructors ask the management of public libraries to provide for a patriotic shelf, devoted to the exhibit of books on patriotism, accessible to readers, and that upon this shelf be placed true and authentic histories of Andersonville and

other Southern prisons, such as John McElroy's history, and one written by Harry White, giving his experience of sixteen months in various Southern prisons.

RESOLUTION No. 17.

Recommendation No. 3. That Corps Patriotic Instructors be instructed to supply to libraries within their jurisdiction copies of Department and National Journals printed within their period of service.

Presented by Kate Brownlee Sherwood, Representative on
Increase of Widows' Pensions:

RESOLUTION No. 18.

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to secure such adequate pension legislation in Congress as will house, clothe and protect our veterans in their old age and give just and adequate pensions to their surviving widows.

RESOLUTION No. 19.

Resolved, That the bill to pension soldiers' widows now pending in the United States Senate is just and equitable, and we unite in asking its immediate passage.

Presented by Committee on Question of Discipline:

RESOLUTION No. 20.

Amendment to Chapter V, Article VII, Rules and Regulations:

DISCIPLINE.

SECTION 1. Offences cognizable by the Woman's Relief Corps shall be:

First. Disloyalty to the United States or violation of the pledge to perpetuate the objects of the Order.

Second. Violation of Rules and Regulations or disobedience of lawful orders.

Third. Violation of the laws of the land.

Fourth. Conduct prejudicial to the good of the Order.

SECT. 2. Penalties to either are:

First. Dishonorable discharge.

Second. Suspensions for a specified period.

SECT. 3. A member can be dishonorably discharged only as provided in this Article.

SECT. 4. All accusations against a member of the Woman's Relief Corps shall be made in writing, and shall be read at a regular meeting of

the Corps of which the accused is a member, except as provided in Sections 8, 10 and 11 of this Article.

If charges are entertained by a majority vote of the Corps it shall be the duty of the Corps President to appoint a Committee of five impartial members in good standing in the Order, who shall investigate the charges, and whose majority vote of findings and penalty must be sustained by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a regular meeting, a written notice of such meeting having been sent every member of the Corps.

The decision of the Corps shall be final unless the accused produce within thirty days new evidence, which shall be submitted to the Department President (or National President where no Department organization exists), whose decision shall be final.

The Investigating Committee, through its Chairman, must give the accused at least ten days' notice of charges and place of meeting. If personal service of notice cannot be had, depositing in United States mail, addressed to the last known post-office address of the accused, shall be considered sufficient.

Every opportunity possible shall be given the accused to make her defence. As far as practicable the Committee shall be composed of her peers. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee shall be borne by the Corps of which the accused is a member, except as provided in Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this Article.

SECT. 5. Charges having been preferred against an officer, she shall be suspended from the duties of her office by Corps, Department or National Presidents, in their respective jurisdictions.

SECT. 6. In case of charges against a Corps President, the Senior Vice-President shall appoint an Investigating Committee, and take charge at Corps meeting of all proceedings relating to the case. The accused shall be entitled to all privileges of new evidence if produced within thirty days, and referring of same to the Department President (or National President where no Department organization exists), whose decision shall be final.

SECT. 7. Charges against Department officers, except Department President, shall be referred, if charges have been entertained, as provided in Section 4, to the Department President, who shall appoint the Investigating Committee, and their majority vote of findings and penalty shall be submitted to her for decision, which shall be final; provided, however, that the accused may produce new evidence within thirty days, which shall be submitted to the Department Council and their majority decision shall be final. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee and Council shall be borne by the Department.

SECT. 8. Charges against a Department President shall be made to the Department Council, and if charges are entertained by a majority vote, the Senior Vice-President shall appoint the Investigating Committee, neither member of which shall be a member of the Department Council.

The majority findings and penalty of this Committee shall be submitted to Department Council, whose decision by a two-thirds vote shall be final; provided, however, that the accused may produce within thirty days

new evidence which shall be submitted to the National President, whose decision shall be final. Necessary expenses shall be borne by the Department.

SECT. 9. Charges against National officers, except National President, shall be referred, if charges have been entertained, to National President, as provided in Section 4, who shall appoint the Investigating Committee, neither member of which shall be a member of the National Council. The majority findings and penalty by this Committee shall be submitted to the National Council, whose decision by a two-thirds vote shall be final; provided, however, that the accused may produce new evidence within thirty days, this also to be submitted to National Council, whose majority vote shall be final. Necessary expenses to be borne by the National organization.

SECT. 10. Charges against the National President shall be made to the National Council and be entertained only by a majority vote; the Senior Vice-President shall then appoint an Investigating Committee consisting of five Past National officers, whose majority findings and penalty must be approved by a two-thirds vote of National Council, their decision to be final, except new evidence be produced within thirty days, when the accused may appeal to the National Convention. Necessary expenses of Investigating Committee and Council must be borne by the National organization.

SECT. 11. In case of wilful disobedience of legal orders of National Convention, or from National Headquarters, or refusal to enforce such orders by Department or Corps officers, charges may be preferred by the National President and referred directly to an Investigating Committee of five impartial members.

This Committee shall consist of two members appointed by the National President from the Department of which the accused is a member, two members from the same Department appointed by the National President, on recommendation of Department President, and the fifth to be chosen by the four members of the Committee so named.

Charges shall be made in writing by the National President and a copy sent the accused.

The Investigating Committee, through its Chairman, must give the accused at least ten days' notice of charges and place of meeting, as provided in Section 4 of this Article.

As far as possible the Committee shall be composed of peers of the accused. The findings and penalty of this Committee to be approved by a two-thirds vote of National Council, their decision to be final; provided, however, the accused may produce within thirty days new evidence, this also to be submitted to the National Council, whose majority vote shall be final. Necessary expenses to be borne by the National organization.

An Investigating Committee must in all cases be appointed from competent members nearest seat of trouble, that expense may be lessened as much as practicable.

SECT. 12. All proceedings of Committee shall be secret until properly and finally approved. Notice by "Special Orders" of findings and penalty

shall be promulgated only when sentence is "Dishonorable Discharge," and be limited to the Department in which the member resides, except that a copy of the Special Order shall be sent to National Headquarters and Headquarters of Departments.

"Special Orders" by Corps Presidents must be approved by the Department President, or by National President where no Department organization exists.

All papers relating to charges, notice to accused, investigation, findings and penalty shall be filed at Corps, Department or National Headquarters, according as final decision is rendered.

Presented by the Department of Illinois:

RESOLUTION No. 21.

That the Department of Illinois again petition the National Convention to admit the comrades of the Grand Army to our meetings, simply as visitors, to be optional with Departments.

RESOLUTION No. 22.

That the Department of Illinois petition that Chapter III, Article VI, Section 12, Rules and Regulations, be amended to read: "Who *may* audit the accounts of the Treasurer quarterly, but *must* audit them semi-annually."

RESOLUTION No. 23.

WHEREAS, The G.A.R., W.R.C., and State of Illinois have failed to provide for the helpless and incurably diseased wives, widows and daughters of soldiers, sailors and marines; and

WHEREAS, Corps find great difficulty, and at times impossibility, to provide proper care and desirable surroundings for said incurable wives, widows and daughters of said soldiers, sailors and marines, thereby causing Corps to be subject to unjust censure, hindering our work for these needy and helpless dependants, therefore be it

Resolved, That we do ask this Convention to thoughtfully consider and take action to relieve these distressing conditions, and furnish a comfortable place for the declining days of these helpless needy ones, thereby scattering flowers and not thorns on their pathway to the grave. Approved by the Committee, with the recommendation that this Resolution be referred to the National Convention that it may receive the careful consideration of the entire Order.

RESOLUTION No. 24.

Resolved, That the Department of Illinois petition the National Woman's Relief Corps to support the Chair of Applied Patriotism established in the Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, and urge all Departments to concentrate their efforts for its success.

Presented by the Department of Iowa:

RESOLUTION No. 25.

That the Department of Iowa petition National Convention to have National Printer systematically number the receipts and receipt stubs in Department and Corps Treasurers' Receipt Books.

RESOLUTION No. 26.

That the Department of Iowa petition National Convention to add to Requisition Books a line, "Past Officers' Badges, forty cents."

RESOLUTION No. 27.

That the Department of Iowa W.R.C. respectfully petition National Convention to grant Departments who desire it the privilege of admitting comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic as visitors to all meetings of the Order.

RESOLUTION No. 28.

That the Department of Iowa petition National Convention to endow the Department of Applied Patriotism in Memorial University; that all donations and gifts received through our Order be applied to the support of said department, said endowment not to entail upon our Order any definite sum or amount, but merely that all gifts and donations from the Order be concentrated upon the support and development of the Department of Applied Patriotism in Memorial University.

Presented by the Department of Kansas:

RESOLUTION No. 29.

That District Presidents and Past District Presidents be given the same rank in Department Conventions as Corps Presidents and Past Corps Presidents; that this be made optional with Departments.

RESOLUTION No. 30.

That we petition our National Convention to provide for an organizer under the direction of the National President, the duties and salary of this officer to be specified by the National Convention to be held in Atlantic City in 1910.

Presented by the Department of Massachusetts:

RESOLUTION No. 31.

Resolved, That we petition the National Convention that the number necessary for a quorum in Corps having more than thirty members be reduced to five members.

RESOLUTION No. 32.

WHEREAS, In appreciation of the fact that Sarah E. Fuller has devoted the best years of her life to the work of our Order, her voice and counsels having for more than thirty years been an inspiration in the cause, and

WHEREAS, She served as the first President of the first Department organized as the Woman's Relief Corps and is deeply devoted to its interests, but on account of impaired health has recently been obliged to relinquish active work as a Department officer,

Resolved, That we petition the National Convention to allow the Department of Massachusetts to bestow upon Sarah E. Fuller the same honor that has been conferred upon her by the National Woman's Relief Corps — that of life membership on its Executive Board, thus enabling her to participate in the meetings of the Department Council, a privilege that will be highly prized by her and greatly appreciated by this Department.

And with this end in view we present the following Amendment to Rules and Regulations, viz.:

In Chapter III, Article IV, Section 2, after the word "members" in the fourth line, add: "Except in the Department of Massachusetts, which is authorized to elect, in addition to the five members of the Executive Board, a life member thereof in the person of Past National President Sarah E. Fuller, the mother of the 'mother Department,' and now the only life member of the National Executive Board."

Presented by the Department of Montana:

RESOLUTION No. 33.

That this Department petition the National Convention W.R.C. to admit the members of the Grand Army as honorary members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Presented by the Department of Ohio:

RESOLUTION No. 34.

That the Department of Ohio petition National Convention that in the issuing of Charter supplies to new Corps the full quota of Rituals be furnished instead of, as at present, three Rituals and Officers' Duties Cards.

RESOLUTION No. 35.

WHEREAS, Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, have instructed their delegates to report to next National Encampment their earnest petition for the passage of the \$1.00 (one dollar) per day pension to all veterans who have served ninety days or over, therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Ohio Woman's Relief Corps report to National Convention our hearty concurrence in such resolution and pledge our delegates to National Convention to secure a like action on the part of our National Convention. Though the death roll grows longer year by year, yet, owing to inadequate pensions, the increased cost of living and inability to perform manual labor, the call on the Relief Corps was never greater than now. We are, therefore, united in our demands for a dollar a day pension for veterans and a removal of the time limit, in order to bestow pensions on all classes of soldiers' widows.

Resolved, That the Woman's Relief Corps throughout the Corps of the Department set aside a special hour for the observance of Flag Day, June 14, and that the Patriotic Instructors do their utmost to have the custom taken up in our schools. Also that a special hour be set aside by every Department Convention for its observance.

Resolved, That the Woman's Relief Corps urge the passage of the bill introduced into Congress to prevent the desecration of the flag in using it for advertising purposes, and urge their Senators and Representatives in Congress to do all in their power to secure early action.

Resolved, That the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention, Department of Ohio, Woman's Relief Corps, petition National Convention to unite with them in the action they have taken on the Dollar a Day Pension Bill for veterans, on the removal of the time limit for widows' pensions, on the observance of Flag Day and on legislation by Congress to prevent desecration of the flag, and that official copies of the resolutions as herein named be sent at once, signed by the Department President and Secretary now on duty.

Presented by the Department of Oregon:

RESOLUTION No. 36.

We, the women of Oregon, realizing in fullest measure the trials under which small Departments labor, do most earnestly implore your honorable body to carefully consider the resolution we present. In our opinion,

based on daily personal experience, we believe the time has come, fifty years after the beginning of the great struggle, when the comrades enfeebled by age should be admitted as honorary members to the business sessions of the Woman's Relief Corps, this law to be optional with Departments.

Presented by the Department of South Dakota:

RESOLUTION No. 37.

We, the Department of South Dakota, do petition National to send an organizer to South Dakota, the expense to be paid by National

Presented by the Department of Vermont:

RESOLUTION No. 38

WHEREAS, It was voted at the Twenty-sixth National Convention to eliminate Article VII, Chapter V, from Rules and Regulations, thereby depriving National, Department and Corps Presidents of all power of discipline over Corps members, and rendering our Rules and Regulations of no account; and

WHEREAS, The result of such action is found to be detrimental to the best interests of the Order, therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the Department of Vermont Woman's Relief Corps, in the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention assembled, do hereby petition the National Convention which convenes September next that Article VII, Chapter V, be fully restored to its original place in Rules and Regulations, until the National Convention accept such revisions or amendments as may be presented, and that any member violating any of the provisions of said Article be subject to the penalties named therein.

Presented by the Department of Wisconsin:

RESOLUTION No. 39.

WHEREAS, Many teachers object to displaying the Oleograph of the Stars and Stripes in their schoolrooms, because of the small type in which it is printed and the poor and uninteresting style in which it is written,

Resolved, That the Department of Wisconsin petition the National Convention to revise the Oleograph, using larger type and better language.

RESOLUTION No. 40.

That Corps be allowed to mark the station of Patriotic Instructor with a flag like those used by the Color Bearers.

Presented by Mary L. Gilman, Past National President:

RESOLUTION No. 41.

That Article XX, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, be amended by striking out all after the words "Rules and Regulations," which refers to gummed slips for Ritual and Service Book.

RESOLUTION No. 42.

That a new section be added to Article V, Chapter III, Rules and Regulations, to read as follows:

"Section 4. The list of Delegates as elected by Department Conventions shall be printed in Roll of National Convention without change. In case of the death or resignation of a Delegate, the names of Delegates shall not be changed, but all changes made in list of Alternates. In case of the death or resignation of Alternates, their names shall be dropped and the vacancies filled by Department Council, such names to be placed at bottom of list of Alternates in order of their election."

Presented by Eliza Brown Daggett, Past National Secretary:

RESOLUTION No. 43.

As to the Woman's Relief Corps is accredited the placing of flags on the schoolhouses from Maine to California, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend the work into every Sunday-school room. With the cooperation of ministers and teachers, a penny collection might be suggested on the Sabbath near Flag Day, that the children might have a part in the presentation of flag to their school.

Presented by Isabel Worrell Ball, Past Member National Executive Board:

RESOLUTION No. 44.

Amend Article IV, Chapter II, Section 2, page 9, Rules and Regulations:

"Any member who has paid *in advance* all dues for the time specified in the transfer card, which shall not exceed one year, shall receive such transfer card signed by the President and attested by the Secretary, upon verbal or written application to the President at a regular meeting of the Corps. Upon its presentation to any Corps within time specified on date of issue, she may be admitted in the manner prescribed in Article III, Chapter II.

"A member holding a valid transfer card is entitled to the password to time for which dues are paid in advance. If at the expiration of the time for which dues have been paid she has not been admitted to membership in any Corps, the transfer card shall be void and the holder, upon the return of her badge, shall receive an honorable discharge from the Order. She

shall not be considered honorably discharged, nor shall she be eligible for membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, so long as her badge is not returned.

"On rejoining the Order the member is not entitled to past honors."

This is in accord with Grand Army of the Republic rules.

RESOLUTION No. 45.

Amend Section 1, Article III, Chapter II, page 8, Rules and Regulations, fourth line from the bottom, as follows:

"A member holding a valid transfer card may, after rejection in one Corps, apply to any other Corps and be admitted, if acceptable, and she may become a charter member of a new Corps."

RESOLUTION No. 46.

Cut out last three words in Section 1, Article III, Chapter II, Rules and Regulations, *"or organized Corps."* A woman could not become a "charter" member of a Corps already organized.

RESOLUTION No. 47.

At end of Article VII, Chapter V, page 31, Rules and Regulations, entitled "Civil Courts," restore all of the Article of old Discipline which occurs in the Red Book under Article VII, Chapter V.

RESOLUTION No. 48.

Add as paragraph to Section 1, "Meetings of Corps," page 10, Rules and Regulations, the following:

"Corps must establish, either by By-Laws or by direct vote, the hours for convening Corps meetings, and these shall not be changed until due notice, in writing, has been given each member, and the change has then been approved by a majority vote of the Corps."

RESOLUTION No. 49.

Add paragraph to appointment of Investigating Committee, in Ritual:

"When more than one investigating committee is to be appointed, all names shall be announced, each member rising as her name is called. All shall then proceed to the altar and receive instructions on eligibility for membership, and a copy of Rules and Regulations shall be presented to the chairman of each Committee."

RESOLUTION No. 50.

Amend Article XXIII titled, "Alterations and Amendments," page 35, Rules and Regulations, so as to conform with resolution adopted by Twenty-seventh National Convention on a permanent Committee on Resolutions.

RESOLUTION No. 51.

Abolish Section 4, Article IV, Chapter II, page 9, Rules and Regulations:

"Department Presidents may grant a special dispensation to member out on transfer, etc." It seems wholly unnecessary.

RESOLUTION No. 52.

Renumber Section 5, page 9, Rules and Regulations, making it Section 4.

RESOLUTION No. 53.

Substitute as Section 5 the following, page 9:

"Every former member of the Order who makes application for readmission must present to the investigating committee her expired transfer card, which may at any time be exchanged for an honorable discharge as provided for in Section 5, Article IV, Chapter II.

"On rejoining the Order the member is not entitled to past honors."

RESOLUTION No. 54.

REINSTATEMENT

Amend Section 2, Article IV, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, as follows: After the word "Roll" add a new paragraph as follows:

"Such dropped member may be reinstated on a regular application in the Corps that dropped her in manner prescribed in Article II, Chapter II, entitled Admission to Membership, and upon payment of an amount equal to one year's dues, when in possession of the badge. If elected, she shall be reobligated by the Corps from which she was dropped, or upon the written request of the Corps reinstating her she may be reobligated in any Corps within whose jurisdiction she may reside.

"If, however, the Corps to which the member belonged persistently refuses to reinstate her she may after two years make application in any Relief Corps, making a full statement of her case, and upon payment of an amount equal to one year's dues, when in possession of her badge. Or she may be admitted as a new member of said Corps as prescribed in Article II, Chapter II, Admission to Membership, of Rules and Regulations, or she may become a charter member of a new Corps."

Upon reinstatement the member shall not be entitled to past honors.

This is in accord with Grand Army of the Republic rules.

Presented by James A. Garfield Corps No. 21, California:

RESOLUTION No. 55.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Relief Corps is instituted for and auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition the National Woman's Relief Corps to provide that comrades in good standing in their own Posts may sit in our Corps meetings.

Presented by Giddings Corps No. 171, Ohio:

RESOLUTION No. 56.

WHEREAS, The members of the Grand Army of the Republic are fast passing away, are old, in feeble health, and very few are able to attend their Post meetings, especially in rural districts, therefore be it

Resolved, That all Grand Army comrades in good standing be eligible to honorary membership in the Woman's Relief Corps, without the password.

Other resolutions and recommendations, if presented, will be referred without publication to the proper Committees, provided they do not contain proposed Amendments to Rules and Regulations, Ritual, etc., which require thirty days' notice.

By Command of

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Georgia Wade McChellan

National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

612 THIRD AVE, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, August 18, 1910.

General Orders, }
 No. 9. }

I. As before announced, the Twenty-eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Atlantic City, N J, September 19 to 23, inclusive. Information as to rates and rooms may be found in General Orders, No. 7, issued in June. At many points throughout the country excursion rates to Atlantic City are being offered at a lower figure than the official Grand Army rate of one and one-half fares. Members will do well to consult with local agents and take advantage of these special rates wherever found advisable.

By invitation of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the National President and Staff will accompany his party to Atlantic City in a car specially provided by the Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley Railways, leaving Chicago on Thursday, September 15, at 11.05 A.M., over Grand Trunk, arriving at Atlantic City on Friday afternoon the 16th.

II. During Convention week National Headquarters on Young's Ocean Pier, also Parlor A, Young's Hotel, will be open for the reception of visitors

Members of the Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps and of all other patriotic orders will be cordially made welcome.

III. The following announcements are made for Monday, September 19:

The Auditing Committee will meet in Room 108, Young's Hotel, at nine o'clock A.M.

Headquarters Reception Committee will meet for instructions in Parlor A, Young's Hotel, at one o'clock P.M.

National Headquarters on Young's Pier will be opened at two o'clock P.M.

The Committee on Credentials will there be in session and delegates may enroll and receive their badges without delay.

Parlor A, Young's Hotel, will be opened for the accommodation of members, visitors and committees at two o'clock P.M.

The Women's Citizens' Committee of Atlantic City will hold a reception on Young's Ocean Pier at eight o'clock P.M.

IV. The following announcements are made for Tuesday, September 20:

Andersonville Prison Board will meet in Room 114, Young's Hotel, at nine o'clock A.M.

National Council will meet in Room 100, Young's Hotel, at ten-thirty o'clock A.M. Past National Presidents of the Order are invited to be present.

Department Patriotic Instructors are requested to meet National Patriotic Instructor for conference at Pier Headquarters at two o'clock P.M. National Aides will meet National Senior Aide for conference in Parlor A, Young's Hotel, at one o'clock P.M. Convention Conductors, Color Bearers and Guards will meet for instructions in Parlor A, Young's Hotel, at two o'clock P.M. A Semi-Official Meeting of the patriotic organizations will be held in the Auditorium on Young's Million Dollar Pier at eight o'clock P.M. The formal presentation of Andersonville Prison Park to the United States Government will take place at this meeting.

V. Announcements for Wednesday, September 21, are as follows: The first session of National Convention will be an open one, at three o'clock P.M., in St. Paul's Methodist Church, corner Ohio and Pacific Avenues. The business of this meeting will be the reading of President's Address, the receiving of visiting delegations, Memorial Service, and such other business as may appropriately be transacted. The National President and Staff will tender a reception to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and Staff in the parlors of Chalfonte Hotel from eight to nine-thirty o'clock. Patriotic orders and citizens generally are invited.

VI. On Thursday, September 22, National Convention will be called to order in St. Paul's Methodist Church, corner Ohio and Pacific Avenues, at nine o'clock A.M., sessions continuing Thursday and Friday, or until all business has been transacted.

VII The following appointments are announced:

HEADQUARTERS RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

In charge of Pier Headquarters, Ida E. Palmer, <i>National Chief of Staff</i> .	
In charge of Parlor A, Young's Hotel, Lena T. Ring, <i>National Special Aide</i> .	
Nellie Dodge Whitbeck, Michigan.	Alta M. Boram, Indiana.
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Lizzie Smith, Oregon.	Annie L. Pender, Rhode Island.
Carrie W. Dibble, California.	Ida M. Pentreath, New York.
Elsie M. Powell, North Dakota.	Annie Ford Johnson, Tennessee.
Lulu F. Huffman, Ohio.	Lizzie Durham, Texas.
Nora B. Atkinson, Potomac.	Martha M. Campbell, Utah.
Carrie A. House, Connecticut.	Ada C. Ely, Maine.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Georgia Wade McClellan, *National Secretary, Chairman*.
 Eliza Brown Daggett, New York. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Massachusetts.
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Hattie Ford, Rhode Island.

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Jessie A. Sturtevant, Vermont.	Alexina Briscoe, Maryland.
Margaret Sharp, New Jersey.	Annie M. Schittig, New Jersey.
Kate Lewis, Kansas.	Ida V. Cox, West Virginia.

COLOR BEARERS.

Fannie M. Parsons, New York.	Emma G. Robertson, New York.
Emma Cox, Connecticut.	Elma S. Davis, Rhode Island.

PLATFORM AIDES.

Marion L. White, Indiana.	Rebecca Mettler, Missouri.
Georgia McClellan, Jr., Iowa.	

VIII. The books of the National Treasurer will be closed September 10, and no supplies issued until after National Convention.

IX. Credential Cards have been forwarded by National Secretary to National officers.

Presidents of Detached Corps will receive Credential Cards and Badges on application to Credential Committee, in session at National Headquarters, Young's Ocean Pier, week of Convention. All other representatives to National Convention, designated in Section 1, Article II, Chapter IV, Rules and Regulations, will receive Credentials from their respective Department Presidents.

X. Department Presidents are reminded that all vacancies in their delegation must be filled before leaving Department, and each delegate must obtain the National Password from her own Corps President

IN MEMORIAM.

- XI. Mary Cress, Army Nurse, Iowa.
M. J. Sweet, Army Nurse, Kansas.
Anna Snyder, Army Nurse, Kansas.
Ruth Graham, Past Department President, Maryland.
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XII. General Orders, No. 8, consisting of Resolutions and proposed Amendments to Rules and Regulations, accompany these Orders. Department Presidents will forward both without delay to Corps, also to all members of National Convention in their respective Departments.

XIII. With these, the last General Orders of this series, there go out the earnest thanks of the administration to each individual member of our Order for the part she has had in the work and successes of the year.

Loyalty unbounded, loving allegiance, eager, helpful service have been met on every hand. Again have our members demonstrated their perfect conception of the words "Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty," and words of praise and acknowledgment seem all too faint.

From those who have administered the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic there have come consideration, assistance, the utmost courtesy, — every possible mark of that mutual esteem and admiration which have characterized the close association of our two great Orders for so many years.

To all who have stretched forth helping hands in the work of the year — and they are legion — the cordial thanks of this administration are extended.

By command of

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Georgia Wade McChellan

National Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA., November 27, 1909. }

Special Circular Letter No. 1.

To Department Presidents and Secretaries, Greeting: —

I. The Journals of National Convention will soon be ready for mailing and will be forwarded by the official printer, Mr. E. B. Stillings, 368 Congress St., Boston, Mass., to whom addresses must be sent by each Department President.

II. Following the plan of recent years, you will forward the official printer *promptly* a list with full and corrected addresses (giving street and number where possible) of the following:

- 1st. — The first eleven Department Officers.
- 2d. — Past Department Presidents, except those entitled to receive one as Past National Officer (see Roll of Convention) or as present Department or National Officers.
- 3d. — Delegates or Alternates *present and voting* at National Convention, with full addresses in each case.

III. When all Journals are mailed, extra copies will be sent each Department by express or freight prepaid, for distribution among those not otherwise provided for. Please notify official printer how many you wish sent this year, and to what address.

IV. With this Circular Letter the official printer will enclose page of Journal, showing your delegation as printed in the Roll, also list of first eleven Department Officers as printed in Roster just issued. These printed lists may be sent official printer after they are corrected, thus saving time of Department Secretaries in preparing lists. The list of Delegates and Alternates, present and voting, with full addresses, must necessarily be written on separate sheet.

Be careful to make any correction in spelling of names and be sure addresses are correct.

The * against a name indicates "Present and voting."

The † indicates "Previously reported" and voting in another capacity.

The ‡ denotes "Deceased."

The § denotes not now a member of the Order.

V. Do *not* send this list until each address is made *complete*. Journals not delivered by reason of imperfect addressing must pay extra postage at expense of the Department.

The Post-office authorities decline to receive mail to addresses in large towns or cities unless street and number are given.

VI. *Be careful and avoid duplicating addresses* of those entitled to receive them as Past National Presidents, Past National Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, and Past National Secretaries, or who are at present serving as Department or National Officers.

VII. Journals to each Department President will be forwarded when completed, but their address should appear upon the list forwarded the official printer.

VIII. Labels, with addresses of Department Secretary in upper left-hand corner, will be forwarded each Department Secretary, which must be filled out with *full and complete addresses* of newly installed Corps Presidents.

Specimen of this label is herewith enclosed for your information.

IX. When labels are addressed, forward them to Comrade Stillings, 368 Congress St., Boston, Mass., with a letter advising him how many addresses you forward with a complete list, giving *numbers of each Corps*, so that the labels can be checked by the list sent. In this way all Corps will be accounted for.

X. Each Department should forward the addressed labels to the official printer as soon as possible, in order that Corps in their Departments may receive their Journals promptly.

Letter postage must be placed on these labels, as they have written addresses.

XI. Journals sent Corps Presidents must be considered as *Corps property*.

XII. The Journals will be mailed in the order of receipt of addressed labels and mailing lists, preference being given, as in former years, to the remote Departments.

XIII. These instructions should be carefully studied and closely followed, thus saving much delay and correspondence to all concerned.

XIV. The National Secretary will furnish list for Detached Corps Presidents.

XV. The retiring National President will furnish list of miscellaneous addresses for paper-covered and cloth-bound Journals as in previous years.

XVI. The entire cost of shipping these Journals, including postage, express and freight charges, will be paid by the National Treasurer.

XVII. All communications relative to mailing Journals must be addressed to the official printer, Mr. E. B. Stillings, 368 Congress Street, Boston, Mass.

By command of

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President.

Georgia Wade McClure

National Secretary.

Special Information to Department Secretaries

The Official Printer will send you labels for the number of Corps in your Department, to be filled out and returned to him.

These labels are used in mailing Journals to your Corps Presidents, and should be carefully written.

In order that there may be no question arise as to whether or not Journals were sent to any Corps, it is absolutely necessary the Official Printer receive a list, giving the Number of each Corps for which labels are sent.

The following form of letter is suggested when returning labels:

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Dear Sir. I am sending you
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Department Secretary.

When labels are received they will be checked off by the list, and all mistakes avoided.

Yours faithfully in F., C. and L.

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Rhode Island—15 Corps—806 Members

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S.V. President,	Annie L. Pender,	824 Broad St.,	Providence
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Secretary,	Hattie Ford,	98 Atlantic Ave.,	Providence
Treasurer,	Anna Budlong,	52 Gladstone St.,	Providence
Chaplain,	Hattie Hill,		Phenix
Inspector,	Rosa Patt,	546 High St.,	Central Falls
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I. and I. Officer,	Lottie Brelsford,	Lincoln St.,	Bristol
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South Dakota—51 Corps—1,742 Members

President,	Almera Stowell,	114 S. 3d St.,	Aberdeen
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Secretary,	Lucy Sensor	324 7th Ave.,	Aberdeen
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Inspector,	Lucy P. Bryson,		Gettysburg
Counselor,	Minnie B. Fox,		Brookings
I. and I. Officer,	Mabel Searles		Scotland
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Press Correspondent,	Hattie Rathmel,		Pierre

Tennessee—7 Corps—127 Members

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Texas—6 Corps—221 Members

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Treasurer,	Ella Phillips,	608 Travis Ave.,	Fort Worth
Chaplain,	Sallie Bray,	616 W. Day St ,	Denison
Inspector,	Georgie Warren,	3209 Fanning St.,	Houston
Counselor,	Sarah E. Bonnell,	415 Emerson Ave.,	Houston
I. and I. Officer,	Anna M. Wingrove,	201 W. Morton St.,	Denison
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Press Correspondent,	Emma Dunlap,	197 Grand Ave.,	Dallas

Vermont—65 Corps—2,678 Members

President,	Mary L. Rising,	Randolph
S.V. President,	Hattie B. Richardson,	Chester
J.V. President,	Edna L. Jewett,	Swanton
Secretary,	A. Louise Holman,	Randolph
Treasurer,	Lucinda Cleveland,	Randolph
Chaplain,	Harriet Sleeper,	Newport
Inspector,	Ella Roberts,	Montpelier
Counselor,	Nellie M. Smythe,	St. Johnsbury
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Treasurer,	Kate Whittington,	Columbia Station,	Seattle
Chaplain,	Alice T. Shepherd,	Box 43,	Charleston
Inspector,	Helen Dennis,	W. Main St.,	Puyallup
Counselor,	Mary Copestick,	4019 2d Ave., N.E.,	Seattle
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Patriotic Instructor,	Alice French,	111 31st Ave.,	Seattle
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West Virginia — 10 Corps — 326 Members

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J.V. President,	Maggie Williamson,		Belleville
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Treasurer,	Ellen F. Daniels,	Box 777,	Charleston
Chaplain,	Lizzie Jackson,	3833 Jacob St.,	Wheeling
Inspector,	Louisa Morris,	Box 276,	New Martinsville
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I. and I. Officer,	Fannie Cecil,	Gould Ave ,	Parkersburg
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Wisconsin — 146 Corps — 7,061 Members

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Inspector,	Amelia Flanagan,	100 8th St.,	Fond du Lac
Counselor,	Belle W. Bliss,		Baraboo
I. and I. Officer,	Elizabeth Cooley,		Sharon
Patriotic Instructor,	Lillian Williams,		Belleville
Press Correspondent,	Cora Harris,		Evansville

DETACHED CORPS

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1,	J. W. Owens,	Holland Merryman,	114 W. Adams St., Phoenix
2,	Alexander,	Lucy Morehead,	Globe

Arkansas — 4 Corps

1,	Curtis,	Julia French,	Siloam Springs
4,	Judson,	Mary Evans,	1600 Martin St., Little Rock
7,	Barnes,	Sofa West,	Marche
9,	Harker,	Maggie Hemingway,	Gentry

Florida — 5 Corps

2,	B. C. Lincoln,	Patience Adams,	Key West
3,	Charles Gabriel,	C. J. McDonald,	941 Carolina St., Jacksonville
5,	A. H. Terry,	Ella B. Whittier,	306 W. Amelia Ave., Tampa
7,	Kit Carson,	Elizabeth Ferdon,	St. Petersburg
11,	J. G. Hamel,	Isabella Tatton,	South Jacksonville

Georgia — 3 Corps

1,	J. B. Steadman,	Mary A. Troutman,	Tallapoosa
2,	Colony,	Eliza Mosher,	416 W. Pine St., Fitzgerald
3,	Robert G. Shaw,	Matilda Williams,	1016 Vine St., Savannah

Louisiana — 1 Corps

19,	Jennings,	Clara Ritter,	Jennings
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Maryland—1 Corps

No	Corps Name	President	Address
2,	Custer,	Emma Ferguson,	1139 N. Mount St., Baltimore

New Mexico—4 Corps

1,	G. K. Warren,	Emma C. Whitson,	505 N. 2d St., Albuquerque
2,	Carleton,	Mary Bishop,	Santa Fe
3,	J. H. Blazer,	Eliza J. De Mier,	Alamogordo
4,	H. H. Rapier,	Nancy A. Shields,	Tularosa

North Carolina—3 Corps

1,	J. C. Beecher,	Edith A. Godley,	131 Burn St., Newbern
2,	Fletcher,	Phoebe Jones,	Box 19, Elizabeth City
4,	J. C. Abbott,	Elizabeth L. Pridgen,	420 S 6th St., Wilmington

South Carolina—4 Corps

1,	David Hunter,	Susan M. Wallace,	Prince St., Beaufort
2,	William R. Reed,	Hattie O. Pugh,	18 America St., Charleston
3,	Abraham Lincoln,	Nancy Christopher,	Hilton Head
4,	William McKinley,	Violet Brewen,	Bluffton

Tennessee—4 Corps

4,	Lincoln,	Louisa Thornton,	449 4th Ave., N., Nashville
6,	Douglass,	Onie Washington,	598 Beale Ave., Memphis
7,	Chickamauga,	Alice Conyers,	207 Main St., Ridgedale
8,	Lathrop,	Harriet Abernathy,	Pulaski

Utah—5 Corps

1,	James B. McKean,	Augusta C. Deane,	214 E. 3d So. St., Salt Lake City
2,	Dix-Logan,	Henrietta R. Griffith,	1210 21st St., Ogden
3,	Geo. R. Maxwell,	Louisa A. Winegar,	365 Water St., Salt Lake City
5,	William T. Sherman,	Kitty A. Hines,	Provo
7,	W. S. Hancock,	Ellen A. Short,	63 S. 8th St., Salt Lake City

Virginia — 15 Corps

No.	Corps Name.	President.	Address.
1,	Callioux,	Martha C. Walker,	377 Cumberland St., Norfolk
3,	Shaw,	Ellen Collins,	320 Cumberland St., Norfolk
4,	Silas Fellows,	Margaret Anderson,	Columbia St., Portsmouth
5,	Lincoln,	Lucy Poole,	(Diamond Springs) Waterway
6,	Grant,	Anna Griffith,	(Eastville, P.O.), Machipongo
7,	Draper,	Mary Butt,	R.F.D No. 2, Portsmouth
8,	Philip S. Woodfin,	Emma Church,	325 King St., Hampton
9,	Sherman,	Annie Shields,	Savageville
12,	Dahlgren,	Flora S. Barber,	81 Johnson Ave., Norfolk
13,	John A. Logan,	E. Pansy Colgan,	(14 Tyler St., Hampton), Phœbus
14,	P. J. Carter,	Madge Hope,	Mappsville
15,	B. F. Butler,	Mattie A. Morris,	211 Pine St , Suffolk
17,	R. J. Moore,	Hattie Elliott,	1201 Elingham St., Portsmouth
19,	Halloway,	Pauline Morris,	Cheapside
22,	Steadman,	Louisa Wilson,	R.F.D. No 1, Petersburg

Georgia Wade McChellan

National Secretary

Official:

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,

National President.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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July 25th, 26th, 1883.*

1st NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1883, DENVER, COLO.

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Philadelphia, Pa.
*JOHN TAYLOR,
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*E. FLORENCE BARKER,
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Malden, Mass.
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2d NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1884, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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Toledo, O.
W. W. ALCORN,
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Toledo, O.
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3d NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1885, PORTLAND, ME.

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Washington, D.C.
JOHN CAMERON,
Adjutant-General,
Washington, D.C.
*JOHN TAYLOR,
Quartermaster-General,
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Boston, Mass.
ELEANOR B. WHEELER,
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4th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1886, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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Commander-in-Chief,
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E. B. GRAY,
Adjutant-General,
Madison, Wis.
*JOHN TAYLOR,
Quartermaster-General,
Philadelphia, Pa.

ELIZABETH D'ARCY KINNE,
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San Francisco, Cal.
NELLIE G. BACKUS,
National Secretary,
San Francisco, Cal.
LIZABETH A. TURNER,
National Treasurer,
Boston, Mass.

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5th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1887, ST. LOUIS, MO.

*JOHN P. REA, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Minneapolis, Minn.	EMMA STARK HAMPTON, <i>National President,</i> Detroit, Mich.
DANIEL FISH, <i>Adjutant-General,</i> Minneapolis, Minn.	ARMILLA A. CHENEY, <i>National Secretary,</i> Detroit, Mich.
*JOHN TAYLOR, <i>Quartermaster-General,</i> Philadelphia, Pa.	LIZABETH A. TURNER, <i>National Treasurer,</i> Boston, Mass.

6th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1888, COLUMBUS, O.

WILLIAM WARNER, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Kansas City, Mo.	CHARITY RUSK CRAIG, <i>National President,</i> Viroqua, Wis.
*EUGENE F. WIEGEL, <i>Adjutant-General,</i> Kansas City, Mo.	HETTIE M. NICHOLS, <i>National Secretary,</i> Viroqua, Wis.
*JOHN TAYLOR, <i>Quartermaster-General,</i> Philadelphia, Pa.	LIZABETH A. TURNER, <i>National Treasurer,</i> Boston, Mass.

7th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1889, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

RUSSELL A. ALGER, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Detroit, Mich.	*ANNIE WITTENMYER, <i>National President,</i> Sanatoga, Pa.
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8th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1890, BOSTON, MASS.

*WHELOCK G. VEAZEY, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Rutland, Vt.	MARY SEARS MCHENRY, <i>National President,</i> Denison, Ia.
J. H. GOULDING, <i>Adjutant-General,</i> Rutland, Vt.	HANNAH R. PLIMPTON, <i>National Secretary,</i> Denison, Ia.
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9th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1891, DETROIT MICH.

JOHN PALMER, <i>Commander-in-Chief,</i> Albany, N.Y.	SUE A. PIKE SANDERS, <i>National President,</i> Delavan, Ill.
FREDERICK PHISTERER, <i>Adjutant-General,</i> Albany, N.Y.	ELLA COBEAN, <i>National Secretary,</i> Delavan, Ill.
*JOHN TAYLOR, <i>Quartermaster-General,</i> Philadelphia, Pa.	ARMILLA A. CHENEY, <i>National Treasurer,</i> Detroit, Mich.

*Deceased.

10th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1892, WASHINGTON, D.C.

A. G. WEISSERT,
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Milwaukee, Wis.

E. B. GRAY,
Adjutant-General,
Milwaukee, Wis.

*JOHN TAYLOR,
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Philadelphia, Pa.

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11th NATIONAL CONVENTION 1893, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

*JOHN G. B. ADAMS,
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Lynn, Mass.

*JAMES F. MEECH,
Adjutant-General,
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LOUIS WAGNER,
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12th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1894, PITTSBURGH, PA.

THOMAS G. LAWLER,
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Rockford, Ill.

C. C. JONES,
Adjutant-General,
Rockford, Ill.

J. W. BURST,
Quartermaster-General,
Rockford, Ill.

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JENNIE BROSS,
National Secretary,
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13th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1895, LOUISVILLE, KY.

IVAN N. WALKER,
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IRVIN ROBBINS,
Adjutant-General,
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14th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1896, ST. PAUL, MINN.

THADDEUS S. CLARKSON,
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Adjutant-General,
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Chicago, Ill.

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15th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1897, BUFFALO, N.Y.

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CHARLES BURROWS,
Quartermaster-General,
Rutherford, N.J.

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16th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1898, CINCINNATI, O.

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Chicago, Ill.

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17th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1899, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

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18th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1900, CHICAGO, ILL.

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FRANK M. STERRETT,
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St. Louis, Mo.

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Quartermaster-General,
Rutherford, N.J.

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Longmont, Colo.

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National Treasurer,
Syracuse, N.Y.

19th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1901, CLEVELAND, O.

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Adjutant-General,
Minneapolis, Minn.

CHARLES BURROWS,
Quartermaster-General,
Rutherford, N.J.

CALISTA ROBINSON JONES,
National President,
Bradford, Vt.

MARY ELLEN CONANT,
National Secretary,
Bradford, Vt.

SARAH E. PHILLIPS,
National Treasurer,
Syracuse, N.Y.

*Deceased.

20th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1902, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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JOHN W. SCHALL,
Adjutant-General,
Norristown, Pa.

CHARLES BURROWS,
Quartermaster-General,
Rutherford, N.J.

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Le Sueur, Minn.

ADA E. MAY,
National Secretary,
Stillwater, Minn.

SARAH E. PHILLIPS,
National Treasurer,
Syracuse, N.Y.

21st NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1903, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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Adjutant-General,
Chicago, Ill.

CHARLES BURROWS,
Quartermaster-General,
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JENNIE S. WRIGHT,
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Troy, Ohio.

SARAH E. PHILLIPS,
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Syracuse, N.Y.

22d NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1904, BOSTON, MASS

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Adjutant-General,
Boston, Mass.

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Quartermaster-General,
Rutherford, N.J.

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National President,
Concord, N.H.

HELEN MCGREGOR AYERS,
National Secretary,
Concord, N.H.

SARAH E. PHILLIPS,
National Treasurer,
Syracuse, N.Y.

23d NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1905, DENVER, COL.

JAMES TANNER,
Commander-in-Chief,
Washington, D.C.

JOHN TWEEDALE,
Adjutant-General,
Washington, D.C.

FRANK BATTLES,
Quartermaster-General,
Concord, N.H.

ABBIE ASENATH ADAMS,
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Superior, Neb.

MARY R. MORGAN,
National Secretary,
Alma, Neb.

CHARLOTTE E. WRIGHT,
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New Haven, Conn.

24th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1906, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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JOSEPH W. O'NEALL,
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Zanesville, Ohio.

CHARLES BURROWS,
Quartermaster-General,
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New Haven, Conn.

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25th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1907, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.

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Kansas City, Mo.

CHARLES BURROWS,
Quartermaster-General,
Rutherford, N.J.

KATE E. JONES,
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Attleboro, Mass.

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New Haven, Conn

26th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1908, TOLEDO, OHIO.

HENRY M. NEVIUS,
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Red Bank, N.J.

FRANK O. COLE,
Adjutant-General,
Jersey City, N.J.

COLA D. R. STOWITS,
Quartermaster-General,
Buffalo, N.Y.

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Boston, Mass.

MARIA W. GOING,
National Secretary,
West Somerville, Mass.

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New Haven, Conn.

27th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1909, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

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Minneapolis, Minn

GEORGE O. EDDY,
Adjutant-General,
Minneapolis, Minn.

COLA D. R. STOWITS,
Quartermaster-General.
Buffalo, N.Y.

JENNIE IOWA BERRY,
National President,
Cedar Rapids, Ia.

GEORGIA WADE McCLELLAN,
National Secretary,
Denison, Ia.

CHARLOTTE E. WRIGHT,
National Treasurer,
New Haven, Conn.

28th NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1910, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

JOHN E. GILMAN,
Commander-in-Chief,
Boston, Mass.

EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS,
Adjutant-General,
Boston, Mass.

COLA D. R. STOWITS,
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